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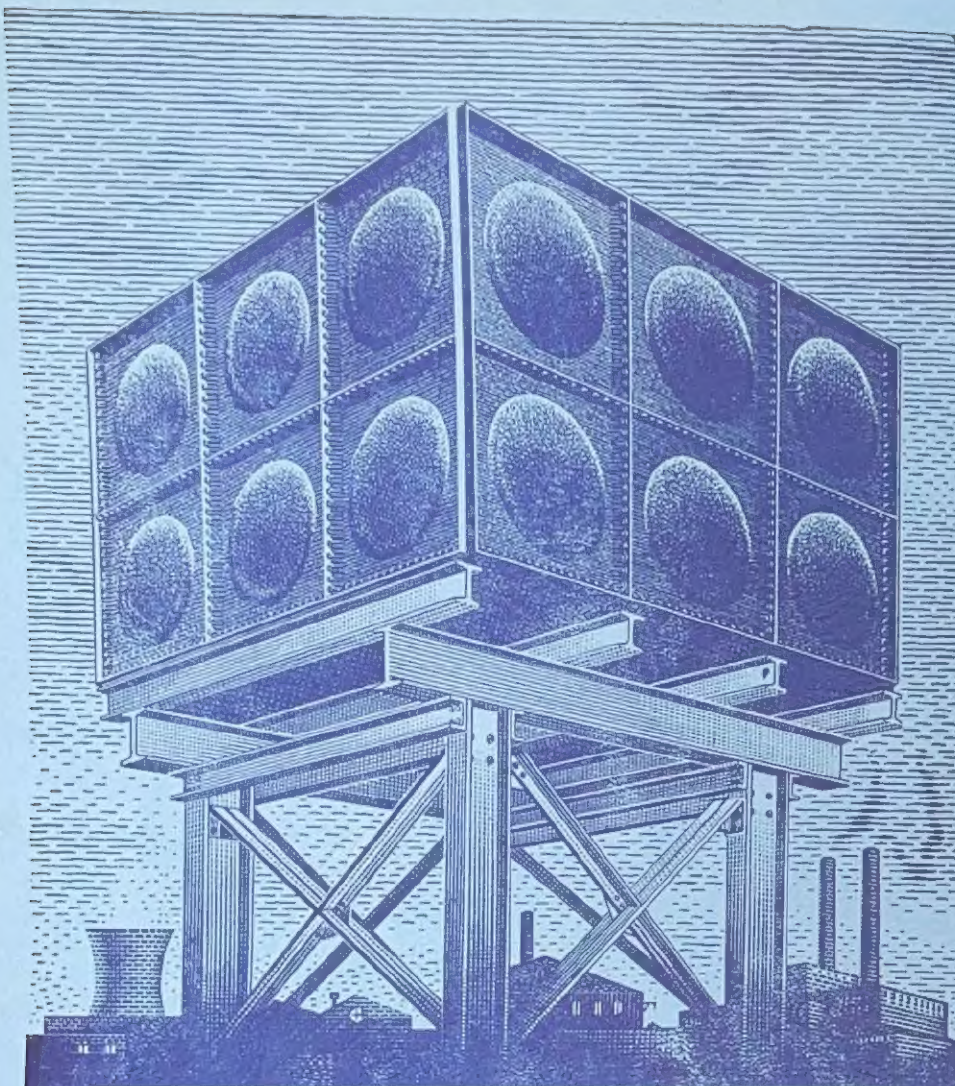
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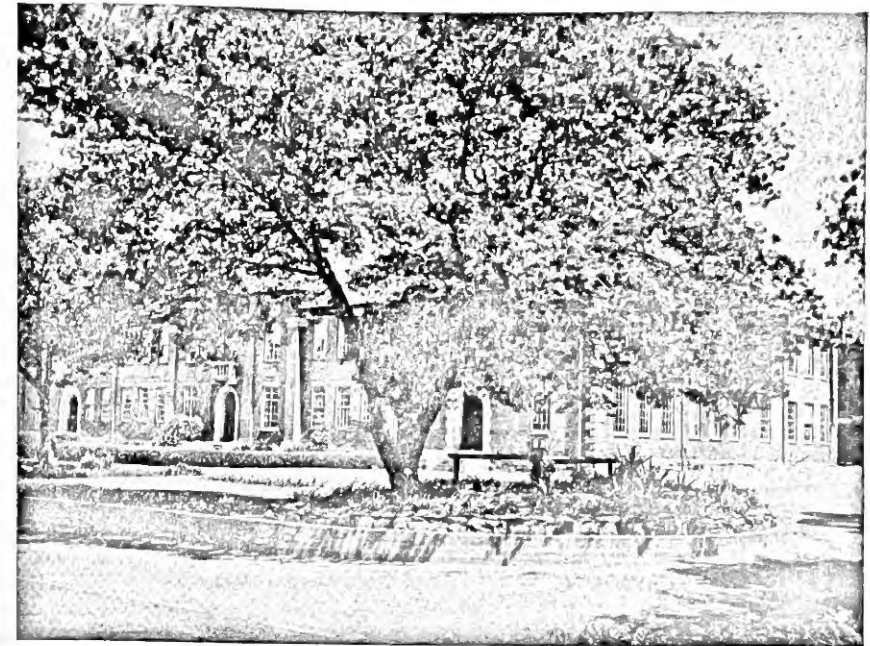
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## EDITORIAL

On the 2nd of June the news was flashed around the world that two men had climbed to the top of a mountain, sat and walked there for twenty minutes and then climbed down again. The news was received with triumphant joy by English speaking people, who claimed it as the finest gift of all to the Queen about to be crowned. The two climbers became national heroes. Hillary was knighted and two nations quarrelled passionately about the real nationality of Tensing who was almost torn limb from limb by enthusiastic admirers in Delhi. Sir Edmund Hillary is in no such danger of his life, but certainly he has before him an exhausting programme of banquets, fetes, speeches and lectures. Seldom have two such apparently ordinary men been so sought after, so thronged about, so lionised.

Why all the fuss and fanfares? Even if you are utterly indifferent to the pastime of mountaineering you cannot but admire the sheer courage of those men who fought up the last feet of Mount Everest, where the climber "is like a sick man climbing in a dream." That last stage up a mountain which had become an almost legendary monster, armed with terrible weapons of cold and wind, had daunted brave men for twenty-five years. Now it was conquered. Yet its conquerors returned with no gold, no vital new knowledge of even the physical world, no single material gain. Are these men of Everest then so welcomed by the world merely because they provide for a while a heroic diversion from the political muddles, the threats of war, the burdens of poverty and disease our post-war world is heir to?

We think not. The triumph was welcomed not as a diversion but as a clear call to courage and renewal of hope. The feat appealed to us just because it was not merely another "job" successfully done for solid material aims: Mount Everest had been a challenge to the adventurous spirit of man, a spirit which was said to have died in an age of loudspeakers, switches, wide screens and coca-cola. The challenge had been accepted. Perhaps that was why, when he was asked why he continued climbing despite blizzards and cold, pain and desperate exhaustion, one of the climbers answered that he felt it was his duty.

Let us make it our duty too, to set ourselves aims beyond those of wealth and easy pleasure, and accept one of the many challenges which our modern world presents to us, challenges, new Everests, that call for all our endurance, skill and courage.

## HEADMASTER'S REPORT

The year 1953 began with an increase in the number of pupils, who totalled 574 early in the first term. There were 217 new boys. Few of these, unfortunately, are likely still to be with us in four years' time, for most of our boys leave the High School early. Almost two-thirds of our present enrolment is to be found in Standards Six and Seven, while our matriculation class represents a bare five per cent of the School. Last year only four per cent of our boys were in Form V.

We have come to regard these conditions as regrettably normal.

One consequence of all this is that many of our boys have time to absorb only a part of what a High School has to offer.

It may not therefore be altogether surprising that we of the staff often feel worried about a lack of genuine enthusiasm for things that matter in the work and life of the School. We see this amongst a number of boys who, with half their minds on finding jobs, to be taken at the first opportunity, display little determination about their schoolwork—little wish even to complete a task correctly and neatly. Parents who support their sons in the desire to leave school as early as possible are often unconsciously fostering these unsatisfactory attitudes.

Then there is another sphere in which we meet with too much indifference — that of school games. It is easy, of course, to over-emphasize the importance of games. But, kept in their proper place, they are indispensable for building up sturdy bodies and a healthy spirit. We have numbers of boys — able-bodied lads — who are apparently too lazy to make a real effort to do well at organized games, or in some cases, even to play at all. There are other boys who reveal lack of a proper pride in their school by playing games for local clubs and avoiding the games which we provide for them. It is disappointing to find only a minority of boys entering for the athletic sports, and to find that the numerically strongest group, the boys of approximately 15 years of age, are the most conspicuously weak in participation in school activities.

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The prestige of the school would benefit if parents as a whole gave full support to the staff by encouraging boys to take part, regularly and keenly, in school games and other extra-mural activities.

We have, however, had our highlights, as well as our disappointments, this year. There has been some very pleasing work done, especially in Form IV in which some boys have had outstanding results. Form IIa is another very promising class, which had 13 first-class aggregate marks in the June examinations.

Then we can look back with satisfaction on an increase of interest in the Debating Society. The School Concert in the second term earned much praise for the performers, who worked enthusiastically and as a team. The brightest contributions to our outdoor activities have probably been those of the Cadet-band which has reached a fine pitch of enthusiasm and has done well on various public occasions. The Cadets as a whole improve from year to year and the parade on the day of the Annual Inspection was very favourably commented upon.

**Staff**

This year we have welcomed to our permanent staff, Mr. I. Fox, who returned to us after a year in Johannesburg, and Mr. P. E. Cochrane who came here fresh from the Normal College. We hope that we shall retain their enthusiastic services for a long time to come.

At the end of this term we shall have to say farewell to Mr. Southall, who is leaving on transfer to Roosevelt High School. He will be much missed, not only in the laboratories but also in the Cadet unit, in which he has been an energetic Bandmaster, as well as Adjutant and Quartermaster. We wish him every success.

There have been various changes on the temporary staff. The newcomers include five ladies — Miss K. C. Behrens, Miss E. Terblanche, Mrs. L. Dry, Mrs. A. de Klerk and Mrs. M. E. Rock. The feminine invasion of our Common Room has been a very welcome means of solving our difficulties.

Mr. J. Hurry has been with us since the beginning of the year, and has given valuable service.

Mr. J. F. Kocks was on the temporary staff until June, when he left — with our good wishes — to become a predikant.

The staffing prospects for English-medium High Schools are still alarming. Nine posts were advertised for this school in the May vacancy list. Only one of these nine has been filled. We

hear similar news from other schools. The obvious remedy is to persuade more of our matriculants to take up teaching as a career. This year we have three Form V boys who hope to go on to teacher-training — an improvement on our previous record.

At the end of this year we shall unfortunately lose the services of our Secretary. After nearly eight years in her busy office, Mrs. Parrott has decided to resign and to concentrate on home duties. Through her efficiency and conscientiousness she has been of great assistance in the administration of the school, and she will be missed by us all.

In August we were able to congratulate Mr. Morrison and his wife on the birth of twins, two fine boys. We understand that the Morrisons now literally have their hands full in looking after their family!

At the end of June Mr. and Mrs. Southall were also congratulated on the birth of their firstborn — a charming daughter. The young Miss Southall has already paid a visit to the School, as a spectator on Cadet Day, and appeared to like the place.

**Governing Body**

This year Dr. E. Zeiss, who is well-versed in School Committee work, has been welcomed as a new member of the Governing Body.

Mr. E. Baker has been re-elected Chairman for 1953-54. To him and to all the other members we are very grateful for the constant interest they show in the welfare of the School and in its plans for development and extension.

**Buildings**

At the end of April work began on our new block of buildings. Since then we have eagerly watched the walls rising, foot by foot. We look forward to having the new class-rooms, manual training centres, laboratories and library in use about the middle of next year. Even though a complete round tour of the school will then involve a walk of approximately a quarter of a mile, we shall all be relieved to be rid of our present congestion and to see the end of "Huts A and B." The additional rooms will enable us satisfactorily to accommodate more than 600 boys.

With the completion of the two modern Manual Training Centres now being built, we shall be able to withdraw our classes from the temporary quarters in the Rand Airport Government Village which we have been using this



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year. More important, we shall be able to have Manual Training as a matriculation subject for boys who are of practical rather than purely academic bent.

The existing library will be converted into an art room. This change will enable us to introduce Art as a Subject to be taken up to matriculation level by boys with the necessary talent, provided we can recruit a qualified teacher. (And that may not be at all easy).

Another building which we hope to see constructed in the very near future is a changing-room block with shower-baths. The Administration has agreed to put this up for us at Government expense — for which we are very grateful. Tenders have now been called for. The building will be situated on the boundary of our playing-field, convenient for Physical Training classes and for boys playing games after school. It will serve as the basement of our long-planned War Memorial Pavilion, or at least part of it.

#### Parents' Committee

The War Memorial Fund has made good progress during this year, as a result of the fine efforts of the Parents' Committee and of the help they have received from other parents. The Committee's first major effort in 1953 was the organizing of a highly successful ball (the First Annual Ball), which was held in the City Hall in February. This pleasant function brought in a profit of close on £200.

Then in August — again after strenuous weeks of preparation by the Committee — a Fête was held in the School grounds. This was well supported by parents and boys, and by a number of Old Germistonians. In addition to the usual stalls, we had a miniature fair-ground which was open on the Friday night and all day on the Saturday. This attraction was supplied on a profit-sharing basis by a well-known Johannesburg entertainment caterer. A mannequin show, in which the dresses were displayed by some of our burly Form IV's, was an amusing contribution to the day's entertainment. In the evening we had a braaivleis outside and a jolly dance inside. We are indebted to the Old Germistonian Society for organizing the dance.

The final accounts showed that the Fête had realized over £500. Of this sum a small amount sufficient to meet outstanding obligations for the current year was transferred to our Bursary Fund.

So, with approximately £700 added to our War Memorial Pavilion Fund during the year (and there is still a Morning Market to come),

the School expresses very heartfelt thanks to the Parents' Committee who have served the School with remarkable enthusiasm. Their Chairman this year has again been Mr. C. J. de Wet Venter. Mrs. D. Dean was re-elected Vice-Chairman at the Annual General Meeting, and Mrs. H. F. Cox became Secretary.

There is still a large sum required before we can build our Pavilion. I hope that all parents who read this will ask themselves whether they can do more than they have already done to assist the Parents' Committee in their excellent work.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in the City Hall Supper Room. It is hoped that the choice of a central meeting-place will bring a large number of parents together.

The ladies of the Parents' Committee have again done grand work by serving lunches and teas to the players taking part in our numerous Saturday cricket matches.

#### Grounds

We are still handicapped by lack of space for our games. There is however a definite hope that the Administration will assist us by having the ground lying to the North of our present playing-field cleared and levelled. If this is done, we shall still have to meet heavy expenses in converting the ground into a well-grassed area suitable for games. We plan, also, to re-shape the present games area so as to allow for a small junior Rugby field running parallel to a ground for seniors.

The whole enterprise will probably cause us to draw heavily on our School Fund balance.

#### In Memoriam

We learned with great regret at the beginning of August of the death of Mr. D. G. Malherbe, the Government Mining Engineer. Mr. Malherbe had been on our Governing Body for many years, until 1951, and had served as Chairman a few years ago: He had always shown a keen interest in the affairs and welfare of the School.

The School offers its sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Malherbe and the children.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. le Roux, who lost his wife earlier this year



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Rose-Innes, H. F. A.

Shamos, I. (Distinctions in Latin, Mathematics and Hebrew).

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Day, A. J.; Deakin, R. B.; D'Oliveira, V. V.; Green, G. S.; Honey, M. F.; Marshall, K.; Nicholson, J.; Rosenberg, H. A.; Sherman, T. J.; Smith, N. H.

**Laër Taalbond:**

Congratulations to:- Green, G. S.\*; McRae; Nicholson; Rose-Innes; who passed the Laër Taalbond Examination in 1952.

(\* Hoër Graad.)

**HONOURS AND AWARDS**

The Dux Scholae for 1952 was Allan Campbell Greig McRae.

The Old Germistonians' Cup, awarded annually to the best all-rounder in Form Five, was won in 1952 by Herman Frederik Andrew Rose-Innes.

Rose-Innes was a prefect and House Captain, who won colours for both cricket and rugby. Always a good scholar, he obtained a First Class pass in the Matriculation examination. He also took a prominent part in the Debating and Dramatic Societies.

**The Voortrekker Centenary Bursary**

One of the two Municipal bursaries available to the English-medium High Schools was awarded to Glen Green, who did well in last year's Matriculation examination.

Green is now a student at Witwatersrand University.

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Form Ic: Frederick Cruikshank.

Form Id: Karl Kind.

Form Ie: Bernard Sharpe.

Form If: Edwin Mulligan.

**Book Prizes**

For English: Patrick Heynecke; Afrikaans: Philippus Hattingh; Arithmetic, History, Geography: Brian Connellan; Science: Neville Rautenbach; Mathematics: Calvin Leader; Latin: Allan Abrahams; Manual Training: Christopher Roodt; Geometrical Drawing: Robert Gilbert.

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Form IVb: John Waugh.

Certificates of Merit for Diligence

Form IVa: Joseph Baird.

Form IVb: Edward Sprout.

### Book Prizes

For Afrikaans: John Smit; Science: Abercrombie Davidson; English, Mathematics, Latin: Keith Allan; History, Geography: John Waugh.

### FORM V

### Book Prizes

For Geography: Frederick Rose-Innes; Science: Allan McRae; English: Glen Green; Afrikaans: Lionel de Kock; Mathematics, Latin: Ian Shamos; Magazine Afrikaans contributions: Victor D'Oliveira.

### Cups to Form V

Bookkeeping: Frederick Rose-Innes; History: Allan McRae.

Cricket Colours to: Arthur Roberts; Ronald Deakin; Michael Kessel; John Waugh; Joseph Baird.

Old Germistonian Cup (for the best all-rounder): Frederick Rose-Innes.

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## School Diary 1952 — 1953.

### Fourth Term, 1952

### OCTOBER:

27. Cadet Day: Inter-House Efficiency competition and annual General Inspection.
31. Taalbond Examinations.

### NOVEMBER:

10. Start of final Matriculation Examinations.
- 11—14. The rest of the school writes examinations.
27. Visit to G.P.O. at Jeppe by forty boys. School Magazine distributed. Last of Matriculation Examinations written. Matric Dance in School Hall.
28. Prize Giving at Break-up Assembly.

### First Term, 1953

### JANUARY:

7. School re-opened. Over 200 new boys shared the joy of this occasion.
15. A party of boys and masters went to see "Hans Die Skipper."

### FEBRUARY:

13. First Annual School Ball, excellently organized by the Parents' Committee. Proceeds, about £200, went to War Memorial Fund.
18. Staff cricket match against the First Team.
20. A volunteer squad weeded the tennis courts.



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27. Old Germistonian Ball in the City Hall.

### MARCH:

- 13 and 17. Flood Relief Collection; £19 13s. came in.
17. The new Manual Training Centre in the Government Village was used for the first time.
27. End of Term.

### Second Term

### APRIL:

7. School re-opened. Combined Parents' Committee meeting and social in School Hall.
13. Schlesinger Essay Competition.
14. Recital of "Snow Goose" in School Library.
16. Four pictures presented to the School by last year's IVA's, were hung in the Hall.
17. First visit of the astronomers Dr. Fuhr and Mr. Overbeeck to the school in the evening.
23. "The Man in the Bowler Hat" presented at the Germiston Elsteddfod.
27. The builders arrived and work began on the extension of our school buildings.
29. Mr. Waldman gave careers talk to Form V, in the hope of converting some of them to the teaching profession.

### MAY:

2. Band went to Kempton Park to take part in the town's Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations.
7. Dr. Edwin Orr spoke to the School of his experiences in all parts of the world. A party of boys went to see Twelfth Night produced in the City Hall by National Theatre.
11. Route March through Lambton.
13. Seventy-five boys went to the Witwatersrand University exhibition and marvelled at the scientific wonders displayed there. Stathoulis became our first television star.
16. Santacade procession led by School Band. Seniors collected in the streets.
29. Special Coronation ceremony held in Hall. Mr. E. Baker explained the significance of the coronation and handed out coronation mugs.

### JUNE:

2. Cadet Band led Coronation procession, in which two school platoons took part.
4. School Concert.
9. "Brother Wolf" presented at the Benoni Play Festival.
10. New Honours Board presented by Mr. H. Cohen and Mr. P. van Nickerk.
11. Cake & Candy Sale by Cadets. Visit to Palmietfontein to inspect the "Comet."
17. School Examinations started.
26. End of term.

### Third Term

### JULY:

28. Back to school.
30. Stones bounce off ice on fishpond.

### AUGUST:

6. Music recital by pianist Miss K. Long at Girls' High.
20. Cross Country Races.
26. Band Competition at Wembley.
27. Fancy Dress Hockey matches at Girls' High. Some very fanciful hockey was played.
- 28 — 29. School Fête; over £500 realized.
29. East Rand Bisley.

### SEPTEMBER:

- 2-9. Trial Matriculation Examinations.
12. Junior Team took part in Command Bisley.
12. The band and three platoons took part in the Witwatersrand Rifles' Freedom of the City procession and ceremony.
14. School Athletic Sports.
16. Twelve boys went to see "The Star" being printed.
21. First ear-splitting rehearsal of School War-cry.
33. Triangular Athletic Match at Springs.
25. First showing of strip films at school. Opinions varied from "restful" to "the worst movie I've ever seen." School Closed.

### OCTOBER:

1. Six ambitious boys went to Johannesburg to listen to the City Youth Council deliberations.

### Fourth Term

6. Start of last term of the year.

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I'd like to thank P. J. Bates, H. Kallman and P. Levinson who gave up some of their time to type magazine con-

## LIBRARY

Library continues to be one of the major institutions of the school. Very few do not take out books and during second half all the seats are occupied by boys reading novels, comics and newspapers.

During the year nearly £100 was spent on books, and 204 new books were added. There are now many fine books on all subjects, fiction and non-fiction; adventure stories, true and otherwise, school stories, books on sport written by well-known commentators, stamp collecting, playing chess, classics, biographies; books to suit all tastes.

Shelving space is rather limited, but when we move into our new library next year, we hope that the books will be better displayed, and we will have more space for other ideas for making the library look more than a mere collection of books.

We tried the idea of arranging the books alphabetically according to authors' surnames. It worked successfully up to a point, that point being where books were not returned to the appropriate shelf. We again make the plea that when a class has used the library, it is left tidy, the main thing being that the books are returned to the shelves, and put in an upright position.

We also feel that more use could be made of the dictionaries and reference books.

Thanks are due to the Library staff, K. D. Allan, the library prefect, helped by R. Venter and E. Kristal.

## The School Concert

This year we are dropping the pretence of having separate Dramatic Society and Concert notes, not because the former is not a very good thing but because it is deadlier than the dodo. Plays were produced, but the "flu epidemic" made our participation in play festivals practically impossible. The plays will be discussed, therefore, simply as items of the School Concert.

The choir was a welcome introduction. We heard 12 unnaturally clean little boys opening the concert with a selection of songs, proving, as if that were necessary, that boys' voices are purer and clearer than those of girls. Now we should like to hear the basses of older boys lend the power of their lungs to a larger choir. The singing in the Camp Fire scene proved that the older boys are capable of adding such volume and tone, and moreover, of enjoying themselves doing so. The scene went with a swing, solo items fitting in neatly with chorus work. The songs of F. Simmonds and P. Bates were of the usual good quality we have come to expect of them. G. Grant and M. Mitchell gave a stirring version of Purcell's Voluntary, H. Kinnear and A. Coetzee played their piano-accordians excellently and the Wilson Brother team showed great improvement and set feet in the audience tapping.

The Dance of the Nutty Crackers, was both nutty and crackers, and even if Tchaikowski turned in his frozen grave, the audience enjoyed the spectacle of pink tutted ballerinas gracefully executing complicated manoeuvres on the stage. Some of the dancers, notably D. Clarke, W. Rakusin and H. Brand nearly ruined the show by being too graceful.

The only individual items of the evening were given by C. Johnson, who played Schubert and Grieg surprisingly well for his age, and in contrast, C. Castle who showed why he had won first prize for tap dancing at the Germiston Fistedddod. W. Rakusin and H. Brand gave an all too brief display of that fine old sport, fencing, which most of us have only seen in desperate sequences featuring Mr. Stewart Granger.

In the sketch "Nature Abhors A Vacuum" B. Odgers nearly sold his vacuum cleaner to an appreciative audience. P. Bates is to be congratulated on his versatile and courageous interpretation of female roles, in this sketch as a sceptical and finally outraged housewife, and in the other sketch, "The Bathroom Tap," as the matter-of-fact English mother, the Irish slattern and the Russian matron, soulful and ineffectual à la Chekov. Odgers gave another two good performances; as the distracted, frantic, and quite unpractical Irishman, he was especially good. But it was the final Russian scene which most delighted the audience. J. Taylor, P. Bates and D. Green all spoke their lines with appropriate slowness and Slavonic accents, and showed perfect indifference when the ceiling crashed down upon little Ivanushka Sergeovitch. Eet vos verry vonderful!!!

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A scene from "The Dance  
of the Nutty Crackers."



The two longer plays were in complete contrast to each other, the one a burlesque melodrama, the other a deeply religious story. In "The Man in the Bowler Hat" S. Dorfan and E. Kristal were very much at home on the stage as husband and wife, Dorfan, if anything, playing up to the audience a little too much. D. Biddle was a good hero and used his voice very well. Elias, the heroine, felt unnecessarily uncomfortable about his role, but E. Thomas was perfectly cast as the Bad Man. The villain, A. Davidson, did well to remember all those stations in correct order but could have been more villainous. At the Germiston Eisteddfod this play was dealt with rather harshly by the adjudicator who criticised our poor voice production and elocution and complained that she could not take the play seriously.

This last could not be said of Brother Wolf. H. Cowling as St. Francis took his exacting part well, though it was a pity that we could not see more of his face. A. Hayes, as Juniper, has a very clear voice and was a pleasure to listen to. M. Sylvester was competent as Giuseppe. The rest formed a colourful background. Mr. P. Cochrane had to stand in for B. Rudolph—one of the many victims of the flu epidemic then raging. Mr. Cochrane had to learn his lines at short notice and on the morning of the concert paralysed his classes with sudden rehearsals of Lupo's more violent outbursts.

The concert, which many said was the best yet held at the school, owed not a little of its success to the improvements made to the stage

and lighting. Those backstage were fascinated by the picture of Mr. Southall crouched, like some mediaeval alchemist, over a contraption of tubes and bottles gurgling sinister bubbles. It turned out to be a very efficient dimmer.

We should like to thank Mrs. Prior who spent many hours teaching our ballet dancers. Mrs. Sheffield who made those attractive costumes and also Mrs. McMillan for setting the wigs. Juno Furnishers and Evans, Leigh. Mackay and Knowles who kindly lent us furniture, and those energetic stage hands who moved that furniture and worked the curtain so quickly and efficiently.

—A. D.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: A. N. Davidson.

Secretary: K. Allan, (Jan. to Aug.).  
E. Kristal, (Aug. to Nov.).

Committee Members: S. Dorfan, G. Kallman and N. Levinson.

The Debating Society has been relatively well supported this year and it has been pleasing to see more of the junior school present. A pleasant change has been the increased speaking from the floor, especially by the senior school. Our last debate — on native crime — was marked by some lengthy speeches from the floor. This is a healthy sign.



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The Form Three's have been playing a bigger role in the debates — particularly due to the fact that the house teams have now to consist of a member from each of the senior forms in the three-man team. The Form Three's have some very promising speakers who we hope will eventually improve our debating standard as they have still at least two years of school debating before them.

The boys of the Fourth Form also show a lot of promise and have among them some excellent, forceful debaters. The matrics have unfortunately not been supporting the society as they should; in fact, at times the only matrics present at house debates have been the house captains and the committee members.

The debating of S. Dorfan, G. Kallman and N. Levinson has been very good and while the Form Threes' arguments are up to standard it is noticeable that they are with some exceptions very nervous. This lack of confidence on their part is understandable but spoils their speeches.

The House-captains have been complaining that some of the boys refuse to speak at the debates, using the excuse that they cannot debate! This rather lame excuse resulted in one House having to speak with one speaker short, so that the house lost the debate — and important points. This should never happen again and any House member asked by his House captain to speak should regard it as not only a duty but a privilege.

The year started off as usual with a Form V - Form IV debate. This debate, like last year's, strangely enough, concerned world affairs. While last year's debate decided that Britain as a power was on the decline this year's tussle resulted in the decision that America is not the greatest danger to world peace!

Other debates resulted in the decisions that State lotteries should not be permitted in South Africa, that teachers should not be supplanted by gramophones, and that bioscopes are not a waste of money and should not be abolished.

We should like to thank Mr. Blight, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Southall and Mr. Webb who acted as judges during various debates. We should also like to give our special thanks to Mr. Dry, who found debatable subjects for us and organised the debates generally.

Keith Allan, who resigned as Secretary and deprived us of gazing on his smiling countenance, was ably succeeded by Errol Kristal and to them two we wish to convey our thanks.

—A. N. D.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

When there are so many activities to fit into a single week at school, it is almost certain that some of them will suffer. It is not a good thing that the society has to meet during a break which is all too short but there seems to be no other time. Because of this no major works can be played, which is a great pity. Sometimes it is inconvenient to hold the recital during a break as other meetings interfere; however we must persevere.

One afternoon we branched out into something new in that the "Snowgoose" was presented in the library. Sixty to seventy boys turned out for that and they all enjoyed it. Other recitals have included ballet music, overtures and preludes. Those who come enjoy the music and are learning to recognise different compositions. There is, however, a need for the younger chaps to learn that talking is not the best accompaniment to good music and that one does not get up and walk out during the playing of a record.

Boys can make this society more useful and enjoyable by coming to the recitals and making suggestions about new ventures.

—"Turntable."

## CHESS CLUB

This club has not had very many startling meetings. Mr. Davis, who started the club, left the school and went to the Potchefstroom Boys' High School (where he has started another Chess Club). Some of the boys have been coming along regularly to play a game or two in the afternoons. Enjoyable times are spent over a board even though it is somewhat noisy when some of the juniors are present with their energy bubbling over and their tongues working faster than their brains. Never let it be said that our Chess room is a quiet and sombre place — weird and wonderful noises emanate from it all too often.

The inter-house Chess competition is now being held and the results are not available at the time of going to press. These will be followed by the individual championships.

We hope that next year, boys will show more consistent interest in their club and really get enjoyment out of it. Those who do not know how to play and would like to learn,—come along and we will try our best to teach you.

—"Knight."

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## FENCING CLUB

For the first time during the history of our school a fencing club has been started under the instructorship of one of our masters, Mr. W. Haffern, ex-fencing champion of the University of the Witwatersrand. The club was started during the second term of the year, and although they had only received their fells a week before the annual school concert, H. Brand and W. Rakusin gave a fencing display which would have done credit to many a more experienced fencer. This display was made possible not only through their keenness and practising, but mainly through the hard work of Mr. Haffern, who, besides giving up his only free afternoon during the week to teach prospective fencers, managed to find extra time to coach the two boys for their display.

When the club was started there were a large number of boys who were interested, but the number of pupils has since dwindled to less than a dozen. This is mainly due to the expense of the necessary equipment, but the few who have remained are keen and it has now become no uncommon sight to see boys, foil in hand, mask on head and clad in white jackets, fencing up and down the school hall.

The fencing club is fast progressing and hopes to have its own novice championships before the year draws to a close; and, if possible, to invite a few fencers from the University over to the school to give an exhibition.

—H. H.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

This club was started during the third term of the year, but membership had to be confined to boys in Forms 3 and 4. Our activities were very limited, being confined to taking photographs of school events and activities. Our intention next year is to open the club to the whole school. With an increase in membership and the use of a dark room we should be able to report an increase in activity for the year 1954.

—P. E. C.

## JUNIOR FIRST AID

Part one of this course was started in August this year and should be completed in November, when a practical examination will be held. If the enthusiasm displayed by the twenty-seven boys who are doing the course is maintained, the second part will start early next year.

—I. F.

## Students' Christian Association.

As the end of another year draws near, we let our minds drift back over days that have gone past all too quickly. For our S.C.A. there have been days of great inspiration when special speakers come to speak to us, and then quiet days among ourselves of searching and meditating upon the faith in God which we hold dear, so that we might understand it better. One outstanding day was Friday, 13th March, (unlucky some say), when we were addressed by Rev. W. Goodman. He put the challenge for a higher, cleaner, nobler life as can be lived in a true manly way by accepting Jesus Christ and all that he has to offer to young chaps still at school, and many of the boys responded to the challenge and dedicated their lives to God. These fellows have done well in all the spheres of the school life whether academic or sporting and have given the lie to the belief that a Christian lad is a "softie." We have had visits from Tony Logerway who brought his piano-accordeon along with him and sang for us. The Rev. Bellis gave us some very useful guidance on Prayer in a Christian's Life. Then, of course, there was the lightning visit of Dr. Edwin Orr, the American evangelist. He addressed the whole school in assembly one morning where he made a great impression upon everyone present. He came again on the Friday afternoon and addressed the S.C.A. meeting at which about 200 boys were present. His visit and talks were an inspiration.

September found us on our annual picnic again and we were fortunate in having good weather. About 80 children from 9 schools gathered in the Lake Grounds and a good time was had by all. By the time afternoon arrived, most of the young folk were a little tired from all the rowing, splashing and pushing, and so we settled down for a while and listened to Mr. Dennis Clark giving us a message we all needed: not to be ashamed of acknowledging to the boys at our school that we are followers and believers in Christ.

In November we are again having our Christmas Tree Social to which we bring presents to be sent to Non-European children in hospital; and so our year will come to a fitting close.

Looking back on the year's activities as a whole I do think that the combined meeting with the branch at the Girls' High School once a month is still a good idea and should continue. Again, I must express my disappointment at the lack of response of the junior boys in the school. Our branch has many seniors who are



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keen S.C.A.-ites and now we need more juniors to have a good cross-section of the school. Then, I can't but mention the loyal support of this year's Form V. For quite a few years now, these chaps have been the backbone of the S.C.A. for which we are very thankful. We will miss them next year (those of them that get through) but we are thankful that they have taken their stand for Christ and we pray that there "beneath the cross of Jesus they fain would take their stand" right to the end of their days. So we say to them, "Cheerio! and God bless you." And to every boy in the school we say, in the words of our motto "Make Jesus King." How about it, chaps?

—W. T. H.

## CADETS.

### Officers:

Commandant H. C. Robinson, M.B.E. — Officer Commanding.  
Commandant C. L. Wapenaar, E.D. — Second in Command.  
Lieutenant A. L. Southall — Adjutant/Quarter-master/Bandmaster.  
Lieutenant W. T. Haffern — "A" Company Commander.  
Captain P. A. Vos — "B" Company Commander.  
Lieutenant R. J. Webb — "C" Company Commander.  
Lieutenant E. J. du Plessis — "D" Company Commander.  
Captain W. A. D. Phillips — Range Officer.  
2/Lieutenant B. Meyers — Signals Officer.

### Student Officers:

A. Davidson; E. Sprout; H. Matus; M. Kessel; R. Shepherd; J. Waugh; J. Baird; E. Thomas; D. Clarke; P. Stathoulis; J. Smit; K. Allan, W. Rakusin; G. Andrew; H. Brand; M. Broekhuizen.  
Drum-Major:  
D. Wilson.

The detachment began the year with the largest enrolment it has ever had and this involved the formation of a fourth company under Lt. E. du Plessis. Another pleasing aspect of the year was the re-forming of a Signal Corps under 2/Lt. B. Meyers, ably assisted by Sgt. R. Venter.

Throughout the year the training by the student officers has been carried out very thoroughly, and the marked improvement at the annual inspection was to a large degree due to the enthusiasm of these officers.

On two occasions this year the detachment has been called upon to supply contingents for civic parades. The first occasion was on Coronation Day when the band and a selected company led a procession of ex-servicemen and youth organisations through the city. The second occasion was during September when the Witwatersrand Rifles invited the band and "A" Company to join with their regiment in the official parade through the city, which was followed by a parade at the Delville Sports Grounds at which the City Council of Germiston granted the Freedom of the City to the Witwatersrand Rifles. On both occasions the cadets were complimented on the excellence of their drill, discipline and deportment.

The annual Inter-House Platoon Competition took place on 14th October and once again we were privileged to have Commandant C. J. R. Nicholls and his fellow officers and N.C.O.'s of Witwatersrand Rifles to act as judges. The judges expressed themselves well pleased with the improvement in the detachment and especially with the enthusiasm of the younger boys.

During the afternoon the band gave an impressive display and then the formal inspection and presentation of prizes by Commandant Nicholls took place. This was followed by the march past. The Mayor of Germiston, Councillor Wannenburg, showed his interest in the detachment by inviting the judges and the cadet officers to lunch and then attending the afternoon parade at which he promised to donate a cup for presentation to the Drum-Major.

A pleasing innovation in this year's parade was the wearing of swords by the cadet officers. We hope this will be continued at future parades.

The results of the various competitions were as follows:-

1. Inter-House Efficiency Cup (Wit. Rifles Cup) — Churchill House.
2. Best Student Officer (Pirie Cup) — S/O J. Baird.
3. Smartest Cadet (Howarth Cup) — L/Cpl. A. Evans.
4. Best Bugler — B/Maj. M. Dermeik.
5. Best Drummer — Sgt. L. Anderson.

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**BAND**

The band began the year in a very fortunate position. Most of last year's bandmen were still with us and the new recruits were extremely enthusiastic. Throughout the year the band has practised at least three times a week, including Saturday mornings, and this enthusiasm coupled with the hard work of the Drum-major and senior N.C.O.'s (of whom B/Maj. Dermeik and Sgt. Anderson deserve special mention) has led to a great improvement in the standard of the band.

During the year the band has taken part in the Kempton Park Golden Jubilee Celebrations, the Santacade Parade, the Coronation Parade and the Witwatersrand Rifles parade through Germiston. On all occasions they have proved themselves to be efficient bandmen both in playing and deportment.

At the Witwatersrand Command Band Competition the band gave an excellent display of bugling and drumming but nerves spoiled their drill display and robbed them of victory. Nevertheless they are to be congratulated on the remarkably high standard they attained.

Following the Band Competition the band was invited to Benoni High School to take part in a display in connection with that school's annual inspection, and once again all-round efficiency was shown.

—A. L. S.

**SHOOTING**

A pleasing feature has been the greater interest in shooting this year, especially among the younger boys, resulting in an improved standard. Practices were held on two afternoons a week, with good attendances. This system will be continued next year and all who are interested in shooting will be welcomed.

**East Rand Bisley**

Three teams were entered for the East Rand Bisley, a Senior, a Junior and a Sub-junior team, the last being for boys under 13 years. This is the first year we have entered a team of sub-juniors. The results were:-

Senior team average:	86.6
Junior team average:	85.5
Sub-junior team average:	77.5

The Junior team qualified to shoot at the Command Bisley, and M. Isaacs, with a score of 96, qualified to shoot in the Senior Individual Competition.

**Command Bisley**

The Junior Team got an average of 87.1; Isaacs' score was 92.

**Imperial Challenge Shield**

268 boys shot in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition. The average score was 53.4 which was considerably better than that of last year. 9 boys qualified as Empire Marksmen, with scores of 88 and over; 4 boys qualified as Empire First Class Shots, with scores between 83 and 87.

**House Competition**

The House Shooting competition was run in conjunction with the Imperial Challenge Shield Shoot. The results are:-

Churchill	49.7
Botha	47.8
Smuts	45.6
Montgomery	44.5

I should like to thank the Range Staff, M. Isaacs, E. Kristal, L. Thompson and J. Engelbrecht, for their help on the shooting range throughout the year.

Shooting Colours have been awarded to M. Isaacs.

—W. A. D. P.

**THE SIGNAL SECTION**

This year for the first time since 1949, our school was again represented in the field of signalling. Although the equipment arrived rather late in the year we have Mr. Southall to thank that it arrived at all.

The equipment, however, was only one of the difficulties. The main task was finding a master willing to take on all the chores of starting a signal corps from scratch. In this we were exceptionally lucky in enlisting the able services of Mr. Meyers, who was already almost fully occupied in various other school activities. He was perfectly willing to attend a three weeks' course, give up an afternoon a week and even come during the holidays, which is a great deal more than most of the other members of the signal corps are evidently prepared to do.

We are not taking part in any competitions this year, but perhaps by the end of next year the signal corps will be rivalling the band in efficiency. The morse code and semaphore have been learnt and all that is required now is to



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speed up on these two means of signalling. The only equipment not yet tried out is the heliograph but this is, out of all our equipment,—buzzers, flags, lamps and heliographs—probably the most difficult to operate. It is true that this equipment is somewhat old-fashioned, but it is a beginning and is at least simple enough for everybody to understand. If only the same keenness could be developed as members of the band show, progress would be unlimited.

From now on the work will be more interesting. One of the more immediate challenges to the signallers is, of course, the lake and I am sure that they will not rest until they have conquered it. Some night signalling is also in the offing, but this will depend on the number willing to come at night. Anyway, a great deal of fun is in store for those prepared to put some work into it.

R. H. V.

## HOUSE REPORTS.

### BOTHA HOUSE

House Master: Mr. T. MORRISON.

House Captain: J. BAIRD.

The House, although not quite as successful as last year, has had a moderately good year. The House has once again proved itself solid in all-round ability, and next year we should regain the "Cock-House" trophy. On behalf of all of us I should like to extend our deepest gratitude for the sterling work put in by the House Masters, Mr. T. Morrison and Mr. A. Dry in successfully endeavouring to raise the standard of the House.

### Cricket

Captain: J. Baird.

There was a marked improvement in the cricket of Botha this season, particularly in the senior group. Unfortunately the juniors lost the trophy which they had meritoriously won the previous summer, but they still managed to gain second place in the competition.

The seniors played with much enthusiasm, with the result that the four houses finished the competition with equal points. The house drew the first match against Montgomery, lost the second to Smuts, and in spite of the excellent innings of the school cricket captain, we managed to beat Churchill house.

### Rugby

Captain: J. Baird.

Although apparently having a powerful XV, the House surprisingly and disappointingly came only third in the senior section of the competition. The first game, against Churchill appeared to be all over, bar the shouting, with the House leading 10 - 6, when a last minute try and conversion snatched victory from our grasp. The second against Montgomery was easily won, but the last match against Smuts sealed the fate of Botha House. Although playing a good, hard game the House only managed to draw 3-all, placing us third in the league. Nevertheless a bright future in Botha House rugby is predicted.

### Athletics

Captain: J. Baird.

Athletics, of course, was the crowning glory of the House. The field events gave us the commanding lead of 60 points. On the day of the sports meeting, Botha not only retained her lead but increased it, completing the day with over 180 points—an excellent effort on the part of the boys, and above all of the House Master, Mr. Morrison, who encouraged the boys. The efforts of three of the senior boys deserves special mention. Smit, Wilson and Vermeulen between them scored just under 60 points—a remarkable effort. Congratulations to Vermeulen who won the Victor Ludorum Cup, and to all the athletes who captured the Evans and Leigh Athletic Trophy for the House.

### Tennis

Captain: C. Babb.

Although we had a convincing victory over Smuts, we lost to both Churchill and Montgomery. Our team consisted of C. Hunter, D. Wilson, H. Brand and C. Babb.

### Debating

We were fairly successful in our debating efforts, beating Smuts and Churchill and losing to Montgomery. But there is one encouraging sign in the fact that amongst the list of speakers, which includes N. Levinson, H. Brand, J. Smit, B. Rudolph and M. N. Moore only J. Smit is in Form V. Thus we should face next year's competition with a ready-made team.

—J. B.

We congratulate J. Baird, the best Student Officer, A. Evans, the best cadet and L. Anderson, the best drummer.

T. C. M.

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**CHURCHILL HOUSE**House Master: Mr. E. J. DU PLESSIS.  
House Captain: M. D. KESSEL.

This year Churchill House, although it has not excelled in any specific sphere, has proved itself a fine all-round House. The spirit has improved and there has been more co-operation between the boys and the House Master. However, this can still be improved on.

**Cricket**

Captain: M. D. Kessel.

In the House Cricket we won one, lost one and drew one match. In our first match against Montgomery, our team was far too confident and as a result we were easily beaten. Montgomery scored 131 and Kessel took 8 wkts. for 49 runs. From the start Churchill were struggling and only Allan (29) and Kessel (23) offered any resistance. We only scored 82. In our second match we rather luckily drew when time saved us. Batting first we scored 149 for 6 decl. of which Kessel scored a brilliant 105. Botha had scored 145 for 7 at the close of play. In our last match we convincingly beat Smuts by 74 runs. We scored 119 for 5 declared, of which Kessel made 49 and Gordon 23. Thanks to fine bowling by Broekhuizen, Smuts were dismissed for 45 runs.

**Rugby**

Captain: E. T. Thomas.

In House Rugby we came second, losing only to Smuts. In the first and most exciting game we beat Botha 11 - 10; seconds from time Botes scored the winning try which Broekhuizen converted. In our second game we were defeated 8 - 0 by Smuts after we had camped in their half for at least three-quarters of the game. We beat Montgomery 14 - 8 in a rather drab game in which no one really excelled. All in all, however, the games were thoroughly enjoyed. The most prominent players were Broekhuizen, Thomas and Botes, who when he got the ball was very dangerous.

**Athletics**

Captain: M. Kessel.

From being in the last position last year we pulled up to second place in this year's Sports. Our juniors were poor, but the boys in the Under 15 and 16 groups did very well. Congratulations to Booyens and also to those who ran so well in the Cross Country that we were able to win the trophy. Our congratulations to Botha as the over-all winners.

**Tennis**

Captain: M. Kessel.

Once again Churchill was superior to all other Houses. The House was represented by Kessel, Jackson, Evans and C. Wilson. We gained convincing victories over all the Houses, beating Montgomery 30 - 6, Smuts 31 - 5 and Botha 26 - 10.

**Debating**

The House, as in last year, finished last in the debating. This was due to lack of keenness for at every debate the support was very poor.

Dorfan and Allan are our established debaters and Bergström, Bates and Wood all show promise of becoming forceful speakers.

On behalf of the House, I should like to thank Mr. du Plessis for his whole-hearted support and excellent coaching which he so willingly gave us. I hope that Churchill will improve next year and will always play the game in a true sporting manner.

—M. D. K.

**MONTGOMERY HOUSE**House Masters: Mr. W. T. HAFFERN,  
Mr. B. MEYERS.

House Captain: D. CLARKE.

Although not possessing the brawn of the school we do have all the brains as is evident from the fact that we have the most important trophy of the year, the Work Cup. If sport has never been our strong point, our team spirit is to my mind the keenest in the school, for which we must thank our hardworking house masters.

**Cricket**

Captain: D. Clarke.

The House cricket cup has been ours for two years though last year we had to share it with two other houses. In the inter-House competition during the first term our young and inexperienced team did well. Team spirit and dogged determination enabled us to beat a strong Churchill team (Jackson 23, Johnstone 23, Rakusin 24, Clarke 5 for 29). Despite a good opening partnership of 50 (Clarke 75 and Jackson 20) we had an off-day against Botha, and lost. In the draw with Smuts, Clarke scored 44 and Rakusin 26.



## Junior Cricket

Captain: M. Sylvester.

Our junior team was much too good for the other three houses. We beat Smuts and Botha soundly. Churchill gave us a good game but we defeated them by 14 runs. Our best batsmen were Pieters, Jankowitz and Marnewecke; our best bowlers were Gunn and Sylvester. Our boys fielded very well in all the matches.

## Rugby

Captain: W. Rakusin.

As usual our rugby has not been over-successful. We had an extremely young and inexperienced side but although we lost all our matches, as we had expected, they were closely contested, especially that against Churchill (14 - 8). Our team spirit was magnificent and with the same team practically unchanged we should do well next year.

## Athletics

Captain: D. Clarke.

This year we had the misfortune of being the wooden spoonists. Although the House tried its utmost we just did not have the athletes. As in previous years we lacked seniors. The juniors did considerably better and in a few years' time we should have the Athletic Cup on our shelf. Boys to be congratulated on good performances are D. Baker, C. Sam and G. Roux.

## Tennis

Captain: D. Baker.

In the recent inter-House tournament we were just beaten into second place.

We were beaten only by Churchill and this was not because of bad play, but because they were a more experienced team. The team that represented Montgomery was as follows: Baker and Elias, Jackson and Cachia.

## Debating

Captain: A. Davidson.

As usual Montgomery has excelled itself in intellectual activities of the school. Our team won all of the debates and in view of the good debaters in the house we are confident of doing so again next year. G. Kallman and E. Kristal excelled themselves while the up-and-coming speakers, D. Baker and B. Odgers, show excellent prospects.

## Shooting

Captain: E. Kristal.

After winning the house trophy last year by a comfortable margin, Montgomery came down rather badly this year surrendering the trophy to Churchill house.

We hope, however, to regain the trophy and we have some promising young shots in the junior teams, among whom C. Thompson is outstanding.

Aim high, Montgomery, except during the competition!

—D. C.

## SMUTS HOUSE

House Master: Mr. P. A. VOS.

House Captain: E. SPROUT.

Our shelf this year is bare—compared to the brilliant array we have become accustomed to seeing on it. We do not feel so badly about this, however, as there are three other Houses who should be allowed a share of the trophies now and again. To Mr. P. A. Vos, Mr. I. Fox and Mr. P. E. Cochrane we extend our thanks for the help and encouragement they have given us.

## Cricket

Captain: J. Waugh.

Our juniors did not have a good season, losing all their matches. The captain, Banducci, was the star of the side.

Our senior side did much better. In our first match we beat Botha by 49 runs, owing to good bowling by Pieters (5 - 46), Waugh (4 - 36) and excellent batting by Pieters who scored 71. We drew against Montgomery, scoring 159 for 3 declared (Stange 48 not out, Van der Merwe 35). In reply they made 122 for 5. With the cup within our grasp, we failed against Churchill owing to good bowling on their part. Throughout Sprout was particularly energetic in the field.

## Rugby

Captain: P. Stathoulis.

In the senior section we were again successful. Our team seemed to be the weakest—on paper—but when it came to playing, we surprised everybody. J. Pieters and D. Stange played especially well for us.

A junior rugby competition was introduced this year but here we were not so successful. The boys, however, showed a great deal of keenness.

## Athletics

Captain: E. T. Sprout.

The winning of the last event on Sports Day resulted in pulling Smuts out of last place to go ahead of Montgomery. Although third in position by the end of the day it was felt that Smuts House could have done far better if the juniors had shown more house spirit. Particular mention must be made of Stathoulis who ran well even though he was ill, and of Westpfahl who ran well in his age group.

## Tennis

Captain: S. Fanaroff.

Tennis in Smuts House slumped very badly this year owing to the loss of J. Nicholson, who was the school's star player last year.

We were represented by a very mediocre team, which included only one player who regularly represents the school.

Our only hope is that new recruits will be brought in by the new year and that we shall avenge this year's defeat by winning the cup next year.

## Debating

Our house started this year by losing narrowly to Botha. Our team lost partly because its members, brilliantly but misguidedly, insisted on repeating each others' arguments.

We were able, however, to completely baffle Churchill in the next debate. This victory might have been due to some small extent to the number of Smuts adherents who had been gently persuaded to attend.

—E. S.

## Note on House Cricket

At the end of the first term the inter-house cricket competition, played on a league basis, resulted in a four-way tie. It was therefore decided to complete the competition on a knock-out system. At the time of going to press Montgomery had just beaten Smuts in the finals, but third and fourth places had not yet been decided.

## Best House Trophy

As this magazine goes to press before the end of the school year, we cannot give the final totals obtained by the four Houses. But with only the results for Debating and Chess still to be included, it is clear that Churchill have won this year's competition for the best all-round House. Quite apart from the statistical proof given below, there is ample ocular evidence—it has almost been necessary to extend the bracket on which their trophies are displayed in the Hall!

## BEST HOUSE TROPHY—Results

	WORK CUP			Cadets Shoot-		RUGBY		CRICKET		Ath-	Tennis	Debat-	Chess	TOTAL
	March	June	Sept.		ing	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	letics			ing	
Maximum Points	20	40	20	40	10	20	10	20	10	20	10	10	10	240
House														
CHURCHILL	6	12	20	40	10	12	10		3	12	10			135
BOTHA	20	24	6	12	6	6	4½		6	20	3			107½
MONTGOMERY	12	40	12	4	1	2	4½		10	3	6			94½
SMUTS	2	4	2	24	3	20	1		1	6	1			64

## LITERARY SECTION

## On The Coronation Of Queen Elizabeth II

Bathed in the soft light of a cool summer's day,  
Her walls hung with tapestries untidily gay,  
And seething with masses all lining the way—  
Varied in colour, in manner and array,  
A bright wondrous London silently lay  
And waited on one, her tribute to pay.

The smiling young sovereign was heralded there,  
With the soldier's stamp, and the trumpet's  
blare.  
With the little child's flag, and the grown man's  
cheer,  
—Alike by commoner, clergyman, peer.  
And perfectly, pleasantly, playing his part,  
Each welcomed her with true English heart.

There followed a service of ceremonious rite,  
Of custom and worship, on tradit'nal old site;  
And regally moving from altar to chair,  
Their love and their loyalty captured she there.  
Then, holding the orb, and the sceptre, renowned,  
Received she the burden — and was crowned.

Born to rule, now, is born to serve;  
Born to mother, to cherish, preserve,  
Living to be an example to all,  
Sounding the bugle — answering the call.  
Born to sow, to reap, and to glean;  
Born to serve — aye — born to be Queen.

By John Doig, Form IVa.

## Nature's Contrast

As wintry spells grow less unkind,  
And breezy thrusts less bold,  
I see the changing phase of mind,  
As warm days banish cold.

I see the lab'rer glance at sky,  
And curse, and wipe his brow,  
Then lift his shovel with a sigh,  
And groan for want of plough,

I see the farmer drop his cloak,  
As trees shed golden leaves,  
And smile as summer's raindrops soak,  
And summer's sun relieves.

I see two minds, two worlds, each time  
A season breathes its long last,  
And think the earth is blessed to feel  
Eternal nature's contrasts.

By John Doig, Form IVa.

## THE ACCIDENT

Traffic-Officer Robert Clayton was sitting astride his motor-cycle. It was a lovely day. Clouds like great pools of froth drifted across the languid blue sky. Behind his tinted glasses the traffic-officer's eyes closed. They jerked open again just in time to see the flash of a car passing.

Traffic-officer Clayton swore. Why must people speed on a day like this? He kicked the starter of his motor-cycle and with the roar of his engine and the scream of his siren he turned into the road. His speedometer registered seventy-five when he started to draw near to the

car ahead. With a sigh of relief he saw the car slowly stop. The traffic-officer pushed his gear change up and drew next to the car.

He stood up from the saddle and let the motor-bike rest against his knee. Wrinkling his nose to push up his glasses, he looked first at the front of the car and slowly let his gaze drift towards the driver. It was a young man of about twenty. He looked at Clayton as one would look at a wheel which had gone flat when one most needed it. His driver's licence hung from a cord on the steering wheel. "There is quite a fine for speeding, I hear," said Clayton, holding out his hand for the licence.

"You should know," the driver answered and handed over the licence.

Very deliberately the traffic-officer copied down the name and address from the licence. When he had finished he handed the licence back with a ticket for speeding. The young man looked at the ticket, laughed and threw it into the glove compartment. "My father can pay for that," he said and let out the clutch with a violence which left Clayton staring.

Clayton pushed the motor-cycle over to the side of the road and looked at his watch. In ten minutes' time he would start back towards town. He closed his eyes and relaxed in the saddle.

Ten minutes later Clayton was once more riding—more leisurely this time. About five minutes from town he saw the crowd and the ambulance. He accelerated and switched on his siren. When he arrived on the scene he saw Jones there already and rode up to him where he stood looking at skid-marks.

Jones looked up. "Steering bust. Poor fool must have been doing ninety. They don't need that ambulance. He died at about the first turn, I reckon." Clayton wrinkled his nose and looked at the wreckage. "Poor kid," he thought. "Poor fool." He walked over to the car lying on its side. The door of the glove compartment hung open. On the side door lay a piece of paper. Clayton picked it up. It was the ticket. Clayton sighed and the ticket fell from his fingers. "His Dad could not pay this one,"—he would not have to; his son had paid for it already.

—A. Davidson, Form V.

## PRET OP SKOOL

Waarom kla julle kinders altyd oor skool? Julle kan skoolgaan 'n plesier maak.

In plaas van na die vervelige onderwyser te luister, kan jy prente van hom teken. Dit is verbasend hoe 'n goeie prent die gesig van 'n onderwyser maak.

As jy nie 'n kunstenaar is nie, kan jy blaai uit jou skryfboek uitskeur en trompette daarmee maak. Elke trompet se klank is verskillend van die volgende een en wanneer almal gelyk geblaas word, veroorsaak dit 'n wonderlike keurspel van klanke.

Jy kan die blaai ook gebruik om vliegtuie mee te maak. Daar is nie 'n aangename toneel as om papiervliegtuie deur die klaskamer te sien sweef nie.

Nog 'n manier om pret te hê is om jou rekker skool toe te bring. Sorg net dat jy goed gewapen is met lemoenskilke. Dit is verbasend hoe reguit 'n lemoenskil kan trek. Wag net tot dat jou slagoffer wegkyk en dan skiet jy hom agter die oor. Die kreet wat hy laat los is die moeite werd om te hoor. Die stokkie van 'n roomys is 'n goeie plaasvervanger vir 'n rekker al is die korrel nie so reguit nie.

'n Geliefkoosde manier van pretmaak is om 'n stukkie papier eers goed week te kou, dit dan in die inkpot te doop en dan met 'n liniaal die ongelukkige een wat jy uitgekies het, te bestook.

Met 'n penpunt kan jy 'n baie goeie pyltjie maak. Die harde omslag van 'n nare ou voor-gekrewe boek maak 'n uitstekende skyf. Vir passers kan jy ook beter gebruik vind as meetkunde.

Nou kan julle seker sien waarom ek sê dat julle skoolgaan 'n plesier kan maak.

—J. Williams, Vorm IVa.

## DIE MYMERINGE VAN 'N GEVANGENE

Wat is my lewe nou tog werd? Vervloek is ek, verafsku, omdat my drange my geel het tot onvergeeflike dade. Hoe bitter swaar is dit tog nie om soos 'n verlore siel in hierdie diepe duisternis te verkeer nie? Hoe smag ek nie om maar net vir een oomblik weer die vrye vleuels soos 'n duif te hê nie, selfs tussen die mense by wie ek 'n grusame en vae herinnering van wreedheid is?

Saans wanneer die son stadig wegsak, en die skadu's langsaam teen die mure opkruip, word ek benoud. 'n Helse smart weer in my op. Die ang is sielswroegend. Donkerder! Donkerder!

Snags kerm en kreun die verdoemdes om my. Hulle bid, smeek om genade, maar dis te laat. Onherroepelik gaan die sekondes verby en by elke tik van die horlosie kom hulle genade-uur nader.

Meteens is daar die kille geluid van voetstapen. Bloedstollende angskrete weergalm deur die lang gange. Dis dagbreek, en hulle gaan . . . . . galg toe.

Vir hulle is daar verlossing—die galg—maar my lewe is vir ewig in hierdie hel gedompel. My lewe was gespaar net sodat my siel deur berou, anga en vrees gekruisig moet word, totdat die genadige Doodsengel my ook sal verlos.

—Marinus Reynierse, Vorm V.

## DIE SKOONHEID VAN DIE LEWE

Dis darem maar lekker om mens te wees, want, alhoewel elkeen van ons onweerswolke in ons kort wandelinkie hier op aarde teëkom, is daar altyd weer die vooruitsigte na rooskleurige dae wanneer ons al die smarte en ontberings van die lewe vir 'n tydjie neerlé, en vol verwagtinge die toekoms tegemoet gaan. Dit is eers op hierdie stadium dat 'n mens werklik die volle heerlijkheid van die lewe beseef en waardeer, en dit is dan dat die „simfonie“ van die lewe na die lang, treurige „adagio,” in die bekoorlikste en opgewekste „finale“ eindig.

—Marinus Reynierse, Vorm V.

## HERFS

Met die koms van die Herfs begin die natuur saggies in te sluimer net soos die diere en die voëls na 'n lang somersdag. Die lente is die vroeë oggend wanneer dier en mens en plant wakker word en hulself voorberei vir die dag. Die somer is die dag self wanneer die son se warmte alles laat lewe. Dan sien ons al die mooi dinge in die natuur; bome en berge, vlaktes en blombestrooide vlei. Ons sien die blou van die hemel, die somer self. Maar die herfs is daardie rustige tyd, voor die nag soos winter daal. Ons sien nog daardie berge en bome, maar deur 'n mistige skemerte en dis asof ons bly is dat die vermoënis van die dag oor is.

—J Smit, Vorm V.

## A WHALING TRIP

Uncle Kristoffer is the skipper of a whaling ship and I was overjoyed when he offered to take me on a whaling trip during the school holidays.

On the day appointed we boarded the ship in Durban Harbour at ten thirty in the evening. I followed the skipper as he walked over the deck towards the cabin. I heard him tell some of the crew that we would be leaving the har-

bour at two o'clock in the morning. He then advised me to go to the cabin and sleep as much as I could.

Early the next morning I awoke and dressed quickly and was out on deck in no time.

The voice of the skipper came from the bows shouting orders and as I approached he took over the harpoon gun mounted right in the bows of the ship. As the ship dipped I saw the spray splash from his oilskins as he called to me to look right ahead and there through the spray I could distinctly see the plume of water which was the tell-tale mark of the presence of the whale. As the whale disappeared the engines slowed down. Then a few minutes later they speeded up once more as we sighted the whale again.

After about half an hour of hide and seek I felt a thrill at seeing the great whale about thirty yards dead ahead and found I was trembling with excitement as I watched my uncle train the gun on the huge denizen of the deep.

The explosion of the gun nearly caused me to lose my hold on the bridge rail with fright. But in a second I heard another muffled bang and I knew the harpoon had struck home and had exploded inside the whale, killing it outright. At the time I had a swift glimpse of a flying nylon rope streaking after the harpoon. As the line to the whale tautened the engines stopped and the winch started to pull in the dead whale now floating almost on its back.

Soon the mammal was secured to the side of the ship and as the weather was getting very rough the order was given to turn our bows for port.

After about two hours of driving through the waves with the air-inflated whale acting as a steady on the ship, we sighted the coast of South Africa.

Sometimes three or more whales are caught before the ship returns, but rough weather and a reported fault in the engines made it necessary for us to return to port with our one whale.

In half an hour we were slowly passing the slipway and a sharp turn to "port" brought us to our berth at a small jetty. Our whale was attached to great chains and pulled by powerful winches on to a flat metal bogey and then taken by rail round the Bluff to the Whaling Station, where it was to be cut up and boiled into various kinds of oils. These in turn would be converted into many useful medicines, foods and chemicals for the good of humanity.

—P. Ditchfield, Form IIb.

## DIE LANDLOPER VAN LUGHAWEPAD

(Met opregte eerbied aan wyle Dr. A. G. Vliesser)

Op die straat wat verdwyn in die Lughawepad,  
By die hoek van die Seuns Hoërskool,  
Kom 'n paar seuns wat hardloop so al wat hul kan,

Die voorste twee vlieg soos 'n voël.

Om die sakdoek krampagtig die hande verstyf  
Met 'n laaste stuiptrekkende krag,  
En die hemde wat hang nat en klam teen die lyf

In die vreeslike hitte van die dag.

Met die wenpaal daar voor en die skreeu van „Komaan!”

Kom die landwedloop nou tot 'n end—  
Maar die seun wat gewen het kan gladnie verstaan,

En al kreunende kom hy orent.

Nou begin die bloed weer deur sy liggaam te suis,

Na 'n ruk is hy nie meer so moeg.  
En so moet ons almal probeer vir ons huis,  
Want dit is tog werd al die swoeg.

—E. Kristal en H. Elias, Vorm V.

## A SAILOR'S HERITAGE

The sailor's cries, the wheelman's grunts,  
The sails' work-weary groans;  
The lantern's swing, the yardarm's creak,  
The captain's guttural tones.

The sea's dark face, the rising waves,  
The lights of a harbour bright;  
They're sailing on, port by port,  
To somewhere in the night.

The wind is cool and calm now,  
Each man's about his task.  
The ship's away and they are free;  
What more could a sailor ask?

One day they'll stop and cease their toil,  
The sun will set in the West.  
Each one will get his last desire,  
To look on the sea and to rest.

—M. Hirst, Form IVa.

## LENTE

Lente is hier,  
met blomme langs  
ons muur.

Die velde is groen,  
dit kan ons sien,  
want Natuur het dit gedoen.

Ook die bome  
met hul bloeisels  
en die waterstrome

laat mens en dier  
so vrolik voel,  
want Lente's hier.

—N. Davidson, Vorm Ia.

## 1953 . . .

1953 . . . A year in which achievement claimed its share;

or did it? When man climbed mountain; was it worth the care?

Nature conquered, jagged, frozen edges scaled,  
Man has triumphed, yet man has failed  
In that he strives for senseless aims. He kills, he maims,

He wounds, he lames,  
And thus for peace, he cries, and thus crying, dies;

His end attained for an aim which lies.  
There is peace in death, but 'tis not this peace he means,

His is of a freer world, and on this he leans;  
Man fights Nature, yet is not Nature man?

Man fights Nature, and man fights man;  
This is a world gone mad, a world gone blind,  
Yet of hope there's still a flame flickering warm and kind,

For God made man, and when there dawns a dawn of '54

He'll not desert him, and peace may reign instead of war.

—N. Levinson, Form IVa.

## LIMERICK

There was a boy named Brown,  
Who had the biggest head in town.

One day when riding.

A 'plane came gliding.

And landed right on his crown.

—R. J. Caveney, Form Ia.



## "IF"

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling).

If you can keep your head when all about you,  
Are losing theirs and looking rather blue;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
And make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can write and not be tired by writing,  
Or being copied from, don't copy, lad;  
Or, nails being bitten, don't give way to biting,  
Nor yet don't look too blue nor feel too bad;  
If you can swot and still have time for leisure,  
If you can play and still have time to learn;  
If you can meet with Hard Work and with  
Pleasure,

And take those two impostors in their turn,  
If you can make a list of all your knowledge,  
And put it down on paper in the test,  
And add some "padding" and a bit of polish,  
And know that you have really done your best;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
And write down all you've learned, and nonsense  
shun,  
Yours is an "A" and everything that's in it,  
And you will get a first-class pass, my son!

—E. Kristal, Form V.

## THE PANTHER

There came a Panther from the park,  
he came in through the dreary dark,  
the moon was out,  
the stars were bright,  
in the dank and murky night.

With glinting eyes and flashing teeth,  
all hungry underneath,  
he hunts his prey throughout the day—  
and all throughout the night.

He came upon a little hare—  
caught in a hunter's snare,  
with hungry growls he ate that night;  
he ate with all his might.

In the dawning of the day,  
as the sun sent out its ray,  
there came a hopeful hunter,  
after all his cunning care—  
to find an empty snare,  
and tore that snare asunder.

—I. G. Drennan, Form Ia.

## FOILED

The two figures emerged from the mist which obscured the towering walls of a prison. They were dressed in standard prison garb. One was tall, broad, and well built with slightly brutal features; he went by the name of Burt Lannagan. The other was a slight man, his features were aquiline and his eyes small with a cunning glint in them. He was known as Mike Stram; whether that name was on his birth certificate or not is doubtful.

They struggled on their way towards a small wood, rather painfully one would have thought, seeing them. They entered it and squatted under the cover.

Burt spoke, "I hope Sam will wait for us at Frampton with the truck. We are on the right path, I hope."

"'Course Sam'll wait," intoned Mike, "we just have to cross the ridge and we'll be as safe as houses."

They approached a ridge veiled in mist. Abruptly they froze in their tracks, for, sitting on the ridge was an infantryman, a rifle across his knees. Burt pulled Mike back under cover and said, "Seems as if they're out on our tracks already; that chap's an infantryman, s'pose they found out and tinkled the barracks and turned out the troops."

"Pr'aps they'll grab us now, no chance of 'scape with the bobbies behind and the tommies in front," said Mike with a trace of nervousness in his voice.

"Well, I'm not going back now. Perhaps we'll be able to make a break under cover of darkness," said Burt. "Let's wait."

Accordingly they waited, under cover of nature's greenery, shivering as the cold penetrated to the marrow of their bones. One hour became two, then three as time dragged its weary feet by. "It must be near dark by now," whined Mike as time dragged on. The waiting was beginning to tell on his nerves.

Suddenly behind them a band of warders materialised, all carrying rifles. They fanned out as they reached the wood.

"I'm going to make a run for it; I'm not going to be caught like a rat in a trap. Are you coming, Mike?" said Burt hastily, in a hoarse whisper.

"No!" replied the other in a panic. Burt broke cover and dashed for the ridge; he was immediately spotted and called on to surrender. He did not heed the warders and presently a shot boomed and crashed over the misty moors. Burt pitched headlong and lay squirming as the warders came up with Mike in custody. "Better take this 'un to the barracks," said one.

They led Mike over the ridge past the mute statue of a soldier with a rifle across his knees. At his feet was a plaque which read:

TO THE FALLEN OF FRAMPTON, WHO  
DIED FOR THE SAKE OF FREEDOM, WORLD  
WAR 1939 - 1945.

—G. Kallman, Form IVa.

## THE HOCKEY MATCH

School versus Staff

I was asked to write an article on the School versus Staff hockey match. I presumed that this article had to be in the usual magazine style—  
informed, deformed or very funny. I have tried all methods and a few others besides.

Here is the American sports-writer style:

School Slips—Staff Pins Pennant

In this their last world class game, Irresistible Force battered his way through ninety minutes of sharp-shooting hardhitting hockey to victory over the School, ex-pennant possessors.

Pattycake Hurry's fast flashy footwork and Man Mountain's brilliant strokes saved the staff from disaster! But shining above the rest was the star of the staff side, W. T. Haffern, who reff'd the game as well.

The Starved, Garret Poet style:

O listen, listen, reader grey,  
Of a haughty game of ball I tell.  
Loud the note and gay the lay,  
The players shirts were loud as well.

Play, play the game ye merry crew  
And, gentle teacher, deign to play  
The game as ye have taught us to,  
Nor tempt our stormy mirth today.

Around the field spectators fly;  
The yellow field has stripes of white,  
And now the players come in sight;  
Oh, listen to the school's great sigh.

'Tis not because young Kessel there  
Today at school does play the ball,  
But that all the teachers fair  
Demand to win if they play at all.

We thank a well-known girls' high school for the following contribution:

The hockey match was to start at three but crowds started gathering before two. Most notable among the crowds was R. Vermeulen who was wearing a navy blue double breasted blazer. The blazer, cut dashingly from venetian cloth, had a low-cut neckline and a Dior length hem. This chic jacket worn to the best advantage by Mr. Vermeulen with light grey flannels, has two vents six inches long and is sprinkled with various sports colours and has large brass buttons which are making an appearance this summer. The jacket was worn with black accessories and a matching school tie.

Another attraction was the extremely smart outfit worn by Mr. A. Southall, one of the players. Ignoring a customary hockey shirt, Mr. Southall appeared in a charming pair of off-white shorts and white blouse. Mr. Southall placed accent on his trim ankles by wearing short black socks and white tennis shoes. He informs us, however, that this outfit looks as infinitely degagé with gum-boots, spats and bow-tie. He warns us however, to refrain from wearing "tackie boots" as was done by Messrs Hurry and Meyers.

The staff won the match.

From the Johannesburg press we have this report of the match:

## WEEK-END HOCKEY

School vs. Bath (Hurry 24 for 3, Baird still out). Bath won.

In desperation we have followed the age-old cricket-master style:

Although we had the disadvantage of playing with only one man too many we scored a decisive victory over the school.

Critique (Without Malice, who was transferred to Jeppe).

A. Dry — a dashing figure. Showed up excellently in the game — a pity he did not have a chance to hit the ball.

# THE ACE

J. Hurry — an excellent ballet dancer. No future in sport.

P. Vos. (The Irresistible Force) plays a good game of ping pong.

W. Phillips — an excellent chess player.

B. Meyers. Not keen. Should try running and showing an interest in the game.

W. Hafern. Although he only had a whistle, W. Hafern proved himself by far our best player.

R. Webb. A player whose smiling countenance is well known in the school. A beacon of joy to everyone.

—A. N. D.

## "THE MODERN SCHOLAR"

The boy sat in the burning heat  
Within his desk in school.  
He removed his shoes to soothe his feet  
But it made him no more cool.

He drowsed awhile and fell asleep.  
The master did not see.  
The boy was peaceful in his sleep;  
Peace from the misery.

In his slumber he began to snore,  
(The master looked around).  
He began to snore still more and more.  
(The master stood his ground).

"Is that a snore I heard?" asked he,  
(The snoring grew in volume).  
"Or are my ears deceiving me?"  
(The snoring changed in tune).

T'was now a deep-down rumbling  
And still-increasing roar.  
The master started angry mumbling  
And stepped out through the door.

The boy began to stir when called,  
The master came back in.  
"Stand up!" he very loudly bawled,  
"And come out here!" (to him).

"Bend down and touch your toes,"  
was said.  
The boy was now awake.  
The culprit's face was fiery red,  
Punishment he must now take.

The boy was in his desk again,  
His sleep had flown away.  
He moved around to ease the pain  
On that unlucky day.

—P. J. Bates, Form IIIb.

There was a chap called Hector  
Who used to fly a helicopter.  
One day while flying high  
He thought that he could spy  
An Airport not far ahead.  
Quick to this place he sped  
And attempted to try and land  
But the 'plane got out of hand  
And came down like a flash  
With an awful sickening crash . . . .  
He then was buried by the rector . . . .  
The sad, sad end of Hector.

—M. Jankowitz, Form Ia.

## WEATHER FORECAST FOR GERMISTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL FOR ANY PARTI- CULAR DAY IN FORM IIIa.

- 8.20 Fair weather, good expectations except in the case of absentees.
- 8.25 Light rumblings in the direction of the said absentees. Breezes in all directions when Homework is collected.
- 8.30 A definite lull and great activity along the corridors towards the office.
- 8.35 Definite showers in and around the office. Light showers outside, and heavy showers inside the office.
- 8.40 Much calmness in all quarters.
- 9.00 History repeats itself.
- 9.40 Clear Afrikaans weather, with temperatures rising towards the end of the period.
- 10.20 Peaceful English atmosphere, the tide ebbing and flowing with compositions.
- 11.00 Break.
- 11.20 Definite change in wind directions; ten degrees rise in temperature during Ovid and Caesar.
- 12.00 Heavy storms can be expected in certain Geometrical centres, followed by light Algebraic showers.
- 12.15 Blowing of much hot wind over P.T. areas.
- 1.00 Definite movement of humid air in the direction of Science Laboratories, with possible showers.
- 2.00 The sun shines clearly.

—M. Dermeik, Form IIIa.

## BAND, 1953,



ON GROUND: Ptes. B. Annandale and G. Ford  
FRONT ROW: Cpl. M. Mitchell, Sgt. D. Felzer, B/Maj. M. Dermeik, Lt. A. Southall (Bandmaster), Sgt. L. Anderson,  
MIDDLE ROW: Ptes. B. Maddison, D. Sherwood, R. Stranger, B. Farquharson, Cpl. D. Wilton,  
BACK ROW: Ptes. P. Theron, J. Sansom, R. Kuhn, J. Graham, Cpl. A. Liebman, Ptes. C. Babb, G. Grant, H. Hahn, R. Hull

I is for I,  
Who is the only one  
Who can make a rhyme.  
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Who is the only one  
Who can make a rhyme.

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Who is the only one  
Who can make a rhyme.

Though there's none in IIIb.  
There's one in IIIc,  
But that doesn't help me.

G is for Glen  
Who talks like a Prof.  
With his choice of expressions  
He makes the class laugh.

H is for Hugh  
Who hates Afrikaans.  
To pass the Exam.  
He's not got a chance.

I is a problem,  
We've not got one here.  
So I'd better be moving  
For J's getting near.

J is for John  
Who doesn't like maths.  
He'd rather be wand'ring  
In pleasanter paths.

K is for Keith  
The ghost of IIIb.  
He's never been seen,  
Except p'raps by me.

L is for Llewellyn  
Who plays in the band  
He beats the side drum  
With a strong steady hand.

I is for I,  
Who is the only one  
Who can make a rhyme.  
I is for I,  
Who is the only one  
Who can make a rhyme.

nothing will rhyme.

P is for Peter  
Who thinks himself smart  
At making up verses,  
But he can't make a start.

Q is  
How  
Q is

R is for Ronald  
Who is the only one  
Who can make a rhyme.

And's a friend of our Ronald's.

T is for Toby.  
He's risen to fame  
In leaving out "To" & "By"  
He's earned a nickname.

U is for You.  
I hope you've enjoyed  
Reading this nonsense.  
Now don't get annoyed!

V is for Victory,  
Hurrah for form III.  
A very good class  
Is the class of IIIb.

W is for William.  
A skid-kid by claim  
He's not like a goat  
Though Billy's his name.

Here's the end of our story  
So let's go to bed.  
For we've no X & Y  
And we've neither got Z.



## Is GO KAMPING

We decided to Kamp on the Brink of a cliff. We had to walk up a Dry road. Down in the valley there was a Lake around which Green grass was growing. We were Granted a Kamping place beside Brown trees. The next morning we went down to the Lake for water to shave off our Bairds. The water was as cold as Zeiss. After shaving we went to hunt birds with David's Gunn. We shot a few Segals that were sitting on the Ridge. One fell into the water and we had to Wade in for it.

On the trip we lost Butter-worth £1.

We had to get Ander-side of the Lake and Tem-lett us use his boat. We bumped Wolpert's Maurice, An-toney sounds came from the car.  
(Some of them.)

## FAMOUS SCIENTISTS LOST

### Disappears in South America

No reports have been received from Dr. Drake and Prof. Starke who are believed to be lost in the Amazon Jungle. The two scientists were in search of a lost city which is said to be the only existing link between the old and the new world.

### SCIENTISTS FOUND

#### Tell story about brush with Headhunters

When Dr. Drake and Prof. Starke were interviewed by our special reporter today, they told him this amazing story which we have entitled:

### LOST IN THE JUNGLE

It was the twenty-fifth of June, 1942, when Professor Starke and myself landed at Manaos. We had organised an expedition to go in search of a lost city which was believed to be the only existing link left between the Old World and the New World.

Three days after landing we succeeded in obtaining a guide and three porters and set out on our expedition. We had penetrated about three hundred miles into the jungle, when our guide and porters started giving us trouble. The guide said they would accompany us for another forty miles and then leave us, because we would then be entering the haunts of the headhunters. This bit of news shocked us because we did not know that these savages lived so near to civilization.

It was on the morning of the third day that the guide approached us about leaving. We then discovered that the guide and porters had deserted us, taking with them half of our supplies. We did not let this worry us and after eating a light breakfast, we took all the supplies and equipment we needed, covered the rest up with twigs and leaves and set out in search of the city. We did not feel at ease now, because wherever we went, we felt we were being closely watched and our suspicions were confirmed when we discovered one morning, that some of our equipment and supplies had disappeared.

After roving about in the jungle for a month we found that we had exhausted our supplies. Professor Starke was sick with fever and I too, was feeling the strain. At about midday on September the fifteenth we discovered signs of civilization, and not long after that stumbled into a native village.

On entering the village we were immediately surrounded by grinning, hideous and evil-looking faces of savages who were armed with short stabbing spears. After being ushered into a hut which was closely guarded we discovered where we were. You can imagine our fear when we saw in the hut, the heads of people, but very small, about the size of an orange. We had entered the headhunters' village.

We now earnestly discussed escape plans, but a savage entered our hut.

We were amazed when he addressed us, for he spoke a crude form of English. He told us that he had learned the language from a native who had long ago come to live with them, but was now dead. He also said that their chief was sick and he had to drink human blood so that he would be restored to health. That was the reason for our imprisonment.

He said that we could be saved, if we saved their chief. Having a fair amount of medical knowledge we agreed and he led us to their chief who we soon discovered suffered from a rare fever, for which we had a cure, but which we had left in the jungle with our other equipment and supplies.

But our friend, the English-speaking savage, came to our aid producing our stolen equipment and supplies and also those things we had left behind us in the jungle. After restoring the chief to health we told him about the city. The English-speaking savage acted as interpreter. As it was morning the chief agreed to lead us there immediately.

After walking about half an hour we stopped. The headhunters then set fire to that part of the jungle and not long afterwards the city was revealed to us amid smoking foliage and debris. We immediately went to work, taking photographs, calculations, and specimens, and after carefully plotting the position of the city we left it and returned to the village. We paid many visits to the city, and also witnessed the head shrinking ceremony. The heads belonged to a hostile native tribe fifty miles from the village.

We stayed with the savages four weeks and after completing our calculations and everything to do with the city, we were taken to a trading post, but we had to promise the savages to return again in years to come.

The trader at the trading post was dumbfounded when he discovered who we were. He immediately radiod Manaos and three days later a powerful launch arrived to take us back to civilization. Seven weeks later we arrived in London and celebrated. Our reports about the city were soon confirmed and an expedition will set out again in three years' time, and we will be able to accompany them.

—J. Westpfahl, Form Ic.

## THE JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL

On Thursday, 1st October, a number of us went to the Wesley Hall in Johannesburg as guests of the Youth Council. We sat in on a lively meeting of the Johannesburg Junior City Council, the members of which represented most of the High Schools in the city.

Civic affairs were debated on an extremely high level, first under the chairmanship of Cllr. H. Miller and then under that of the Junior Mayor. The debates went a long way towards making us more conscious of civic affairs, which we discovered were much more complicated—and much more interesting—than we had imagined.

Should a similar council be formed here in Germiston next year, I sincerely hope that it will be as successful—it certainly should be.

—H. B.

## THE MUSIC RECITAL

Miss Kathleen Long's recital of music was both an occasion for the appreciation of music and a haven from normal routine—an occasion, too, for the outlet of humour and light-heartedness, which inevitably results when we are either hosts to or guests of the Germiston Girls' High School.

I have very little confidence in my rating as a music critic, but we thoroughly enjoyed Miss Long's recital, and were gratified at being allowed the opportunity of hearing her play. On the other aspect of our visit I feel more competent to speak. Contact with the "fairer sex" recalled visions of the Germiston High School, when, in 1950, it was a "mixed" school, which we remember with "mixed" feelings. (I was astounded to see how the girls who were once pupils of the Germiston High, have grown into young ladies).

I admit being torn by a desire to pay all my attention to the music and to the numerous distractions present; I managed, however, in all fairness, to give my undivided attention to both.

We were presented with a closer insight into the Girls' High, which I am sure we will cherish for years to come.

As a gesture of goodwill and appreciation, I suggest we invite our sister school to visit us and see an all-in wrestling match. Seriously, however, I think our two schools should get together much more often.

N. L. (IVa).

## THE MANNEQUINS

(Dedicated to the eight courageous senior boys who took part in this parade during the School Fête)

The curtains swept aside and in tripped Melanie, cool, fresh and charming, a chic little midinette from the boulevards of Paris. She moved quickly across the stage, revealed for our admiration her plunging neckline and waterfall bustle, and with a smile fluttering on her lips, made way for Merle, woman of the world, swaying sinuously, flashing jewellery and teeth; a winning waggle of her fine fox furs and she waltzed down the aisle to charm her audience at closer and more intimate quarters . . . . In complete contrast came Marcelle, in sleek silken black, soignée, perfectly groomed from carefully coiffured head to graceful high-heeled shoes. She scintillated with a smile and we watched her mince down the steps, to have our attention whipped back to the stage, to be hypnotised by a figure in a taut ice-blue dress, poised, arms behind head in calculated abandon, a sinister new Mata Hari, Gaye who could have lured from us, with a wave of her white scarf, our innermost secrets . . . And now, to our dazed senses, came a sweet vision—in floated a dream in green,

Fifi, warmly fragrant as Spring. She was followed by a stately Roman matron, Ann, displaying a fashion for the fuller figure, with a vast cerise chiffon bow reaching from behind the ear to below the waist . . . came a damsel in yellow, a dark beauty with glowing eyes, mouth ajar, head erect, flaunting a strawberry Italian straw hat . . . Cecily. And last, another vision in black, Margaret, gliding past in faultless attire, shyly acknowledging the wild applause for them all.

Dramatis Personae: H. Brand, R. Vermeulen, W. Rakusin, B. Farquharson, M. Brockhuizen, P. Stathoulis, A. Botes and J. Nowlan.

### BENDING LOW

Bending low, oh so low,  
Right before the head,  
"Oh dearie me," says Jimmy Thrupp,  
"I wish I was home in bed."

Bending low, oh so low,  
Swish, down comes that cane,  
Up, straight up jumps Jimmy Thrupp,  
Boy! does he react to pain.

—R. Pascoe, Form Ic.

### AUTUMN

When the leaves fall upon the soil,  
And clouds of mist drift all around,  
And while upon the fire a kettle boils,  
And the winds whirl with a moaning sound.

—E. Segers, Form Ic.

### SCHOOL

Putting tadpoles in teacher's ink,  
Is not such fun as you might think.  
You'll probably get a very good spanking  
For this very unnecessary pranking.

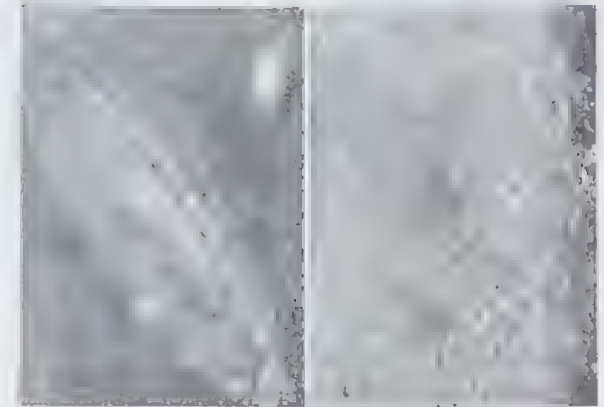
—A. Giles, Form Ic.

## STAR-GAZING

*the Germistonian*

LEFT: The nebula in the Constellation Andromeda. It is estimated that there are one-hundred thousand million stars in this nebula.

RIGHT: A portion of the surface of the moon showing the lunar Apennines lying in an arc from the ring mountain in the top of the picture to the deep crater near the left bottom corner. This crater was named after Eratosthenes, the Greek Scientist who first determined the length of the circumference of the earth correctly in the 4th century B.C.



On the night of the 24th of March several amateur astronomers of Germiston paid a visit to our school to give an opportunity to the senior pupils to view some of the celestial bodies through their telescopes. Amongst them were Dr. Führ and Mr. Overbeeck, who had with them their own telescopes. Mr. Overbeeck had a six-inch reflector constructed by himself, with which quite good observations were made.

Early in the evening the sky was unfortunately overcast, but about eight o'clock several breaks in the clouds in the Western Sky revealed the friendly twinkling of well-known members of the heavenly host.

The Moon appeared to have a ruddy hue, probably due to dust and smoke over the Western horizon. To any person acquainted with the topography of the moon the Mare Imbrium, the lunar Apennines, the deep crater, Eratosthenes and the even larger crater, Copernicus, together with several other lunar features were clearly visible.

A view of the moon through a good telescope presents a challenge to the adventurous spirit of man. There it was, poised in space approximately 238,000 miles away, beckoning to enterprising mortals on the earth to take the leap through space, which will carry them to its apparently inhospitable clime. Could this leap ever be done? Most scientists now believe that it is possible, and a few enthusiasts believe that it will be done within the next century, if

the money could be made available for the construction of a space station circling round the earth just beyond the atmosphere. Such a space station could serve as a jumping-off platform for the space vehicle in which the hazardous trip will have to be undertaken.

Beyond the Moon's orbit, silently coasting round the sun, there were the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter! Venus appeared as a ruddy crescent, and not as a full orb, as was expected. Since all planets shine by the reflected light of the Sun, it is obvious that a planet like Venus, which moves in an orbit nearer to the Sun than that of the earth, will pass through phases similar to those of the moon.

Far out in space the magnificent spectacle of the largest planet, Jupiter, with its orb enlarged by the telescope nearly to the size of the full moon, created in the gazer's mind an almost terrifying sense of the depth of space. Revolving majestically round this planet were seen four of its larger moons, each in its own orbit. Since the planes of the orbits of these satellites of Jupiter lie in the ecliptic, the satellites were observed to lie in a straight line with the planet, two on each side of it at different distances from it. At the time of observation the one nearest Jupiter was about to be occulted.

Billions of miles beyond the solar system reigned the most brilliant of astral bodies, the blue-white celestial gem known as Sirius in Canis

### DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

A cod lays 4,000,000 eggs every year.  
Skyscrapers may be built of chemically treated wood instead of concrete.

A man has enough electricity in his body to light a 20-watt globe.

Bombing technique has changed greatly since the days when a pilot leaned over the side of a biplane and dropped his bombs by hand. Today a bomb-aimer travelling in an aircraft 45,000 feet up, and at a speed of 450 knots, has to release his bombs seven miles before he reaches the target in order to hit it.

The balance wheel of a watch turns as fast as the wheels of a locomotive doing 60 m.p.h.

Badminton was originally called battledore. Until 1948 England was undefeated for 45 years in internationals.

Seven tons of diamonds have been found in 80 years at Kimberley.

There are 147,000,000 square miles of ocean on the earth's surface.

—J. Westpfahl, Form Ic.

Major. This wonderful star is known to be twinned with a white dwarf, which was not visible through the telescope. Sirius is twenty-seven times as luminous as the Sun, and it is 550,000 times as far away from the earth as the sun. Notwithstanding its staggering distance from us it nevertheless is one of the nearest stars to us, only one other star of the 5,000 visible to the unaided eye being nearer.

Far away to the North-west of Sirius, which is the eye of the Great Dog, the telescope revealed the eye of Taurus, the Bull—a giant red star of oval shape, called Aldebaran.

One may wonder why the important grouping of stars, called constellations, have been given the names of animals. According to the traditional view the ancient Babylonian astronomers divided the celestial circle into twelve equal chambers (or stables), in each of which they imagined an animal suggested in outline by the stars of the constellation in it. All these twelve animals were visited in rotation, once a year, by the Lord of the Heavens, the Sun, during his annual course through the sky. These twelve constellations, forming a continuous belt of stars to be known as the twelve Signs of the Zodiac. They lie along, but far beyond, the celestial path of the wandering members of the solar system, which path is known as the Ecliptic.

The twelve Signs of the Zodiac are easily remembered and recognised from the following rhyme, which gives them in their proper order from West to East.

"The Ram, the Bull, the Heavenly Twins,  
And next the Crab, the Lion shines,  
The Virgin and the Scales,  
The Scorpion, Archer and He-Goat  
The Man that holds the watering pot,  
The Fish, with shining tails."

The last object we were privileged to gaze at was the awe-inspiring nebula in Orion, the outline and body of which was clearly visible. Its irregular, ragged outline seemed to suggest the description of the first stage of the creation of the world given in the second verse of the first Chapter of Genesis: "And the earth was without form and void."

Star-gazing with the aid of a good telescope, followed or preceded by reading of authoritative works on the subject, such as "Through Space and Time" by Sir James Jeans, is an interesting pursuit and always an exciting and revealing experience to the uninitiated. It broadens one's comprehension of the universe, extends one's conception of time and space and offers a true perspective in which to view the daily occurrences of one's own fleeting existence.

On behalf of all of us, who were privileged to have a peep through the telescopes at the wonders of the heavens, I wish to express cordial thanks to those who devoted their time and energy to making it possible.

—Dr. J. Venter.

## GAMES

### CRICKET

#### FIRST ELEVEN

##### 4th Term 1952.

On the 11th of October the School started off by playing a strong Germiston XI that included several Senior League players. The boys, with the help of Mr. Davis, did well to get 92 runs against the bowling of Marsburg, Bush and other good bowlers. The Germiston XI, however, made 94 for 7, Roberts taking 3 wickets for 16 runs, and the School thus lost the match by 3 wickets.

On the 18th of October the School travelled to Athlone and were made to bat on a wicket still soaking wet from the previous night's rain. We did well to get 93, with Deakin 38. By the time Athlone came in to bat, however, the pitch was thoroughly dried out and they went on to score 109 for 2 thus winning the match by 8 wickets. We were due for a revenge which came in the first term of 1953, as will be seen later.

Against Benoni at Benoni, Baird had a very good spell of bowling and collected 6 wickets for 37 runs. Benoni were all out for 95. The School scored 97 for 8 and thus won by 2 wickets. Deakin 38.

The School had an easy victory over Boksburg, scoring 120 for 7 declared, Deakin 72. Boksburg scored 47, the school thus winning by 76 runs and 3 wickets. Roberts 3 for 15.

The match against Springs, was unfortunately washed out by rain when we had the game well in hand with 7 Springs wickets down for 45 runs, Waugh taking 6 for 19.

The last match of the year in which the Form V's took part was played on our new school turf wicket against Krugersdorp. Krugersdorp gave a very good performance, scoring 140 for 6 declared. Our boys could not stand up to the spin bowling of Couzyn who took 4 wickets for 19 runs, and were all out for 63.

Of last year's 1st XI we lost, in Form V's leaving school, a very fine batsman in Ronald Deakin. Through no fault of his own or of the school he was not selected for the Nuffield team. We also lost a good opening bowler and captain in Roberts. Others who left school were Honey, Rogers, Rakusin.

Their places were hard to fill when we started off the 1953 season but very soon some promising youngsters were promoted who showed up well in more mature company.

—P. A. V.

#### FIRST ELEVEN

##### First Term 1953.

The team completed a moderately successful season, winning four, drawing three and losing three matches.

On the whole the criticisms made in 1952 apply this year. The batting was weak; only Kessel batted with anything like consistency. The bowling was accurate, notably that of Broekhuizen, but we felt the lack of a good spinner.

Kessel was elected captain and fulfilled his duties competently, though he had some rather original theories on field-placing and bowling changes.

Our first game was played at the School against Benoni. The latter batted first, and were all out for 143 (M. Broekhuizen 5 - 30). We confidently expected to pass this total. Good batting by Kessel (35) and Waugh (45) placed us in a strong position at tea time (100 - 5). Negative batting, however, as much as accurate bowling, wrought our downfall—the remaining batsmen managed only to contribute 25 runs, and we were all out for 125.

The following week we travelled to Boksburg, and dismissed the home team for 112. Only time prevented us from winning for at the close we had raised 80 runs for the loss of 5 wickets. Kessel again batted well to score 39.

Our next opponents, Springs, promised a keen match. Batting first we were soon in trouble on a lifting pitch; only a hard hit 19 n. o., by Bates—newly promoted from the 2nd team—enabled us to reach the meagre total of 78. Some good bowling, however, turned imminent defeat into a victory by the comfortable margin of 44 runs. (Broekhuizen 3 wickets for four runs, Waugh 4 - 18, Sayers 2 - 8).

Heartened by this victory we hoped to do well against Highlands North—our next game. Unfortunately we collapsed badly and were almost beaten by an innings. Only Sayers batted with any confidence scoring 24 n. o.—had the recognised batsmen followed his approach and attacked the bowling I am sure we would have done much better. However, let us hope that we have learnt that it is courting disaster to play back to good length bowling.

Against Marist Brothers (Observatory) our batsmen again played without confidence, Clarke being a notable exception, batting well for an aggressive 48; we were dismissed for 79. This total was passed by our opponents with 6 wickets in hand: they batted on to score 152, (Broekhuizen finished with the good analysis of 7 - 37).

Our following match against K.E.S. was washed out by rain after only a brief start.

Against Athlone for the first time the school batted well, (Kessel 49 n. o., Babb 42, Baird 40 n. o.) and Kessel was able to declare at 217 - 6. The bowlers rose suitably to the occasion (Broekhuizen 5 - 27, Waugh 3 - 13) and dismissed Athlone for 76.

The next match against Brakpan resulted in a win by 6 wickets (Broekhuizen 4 - 14: Kessel 46 n. o., Allan 28 n. o.).

Our match against Forest High produced some exciting cricket. The bowlers were able to extract considerable assistance from the wicket. The school batting first managed only to total 43. (Clarke 25). Forest High fared little better and at one stage had lost 6 wickets for 11 runs. Some rather desperate batting by their tail-enders, however, enabled them to reach 82. (Waugh 3 - 23, Broekhuizen 4 - 18). In our second innings we batted a little better to score 71. (Kessel 24, Broekhuizen 25). Forest needing only 32 runs to win were made to



struggle hard, by some excellent bowling from Broekhuizen (7 - 13), but eventually won by 3 wickets.

The Krugersdorp visit resulted in a low scoring draw. The home side totalled 73, and at the close we had reached 56 for 7.

The last match of the season, played away, against Marist (Inanda) resulted in an exciting victory for the school. Heavy rain during the week had affected the wicket. Kessel winning the toss, decided to field first. Some accurate and hostile bowling led to the dismissal of Marists for a mere 47 runs. (Waugh 5 - 19, Broekhuizen 3 - 24, Baird 2 - 4).

Our first innings had an almost Gilbert and Sullivan touch and we were all out for 14. Both innings were completed before lunch.

In the afternoon Baird 5 - 26, Waugh 5 - 16, proceeded to refloat our fortunes - dismissing the Marists on a pitch which had quietened considerably for the small total of 53. Van der Merwe and Clarke batted extremely well, giving us an opening partnership of 50. We were forced, however, to struggle hard for the remaining runs—winning only by two wickets.

Finally, on behalf of the team, I would like to thank "Pommey" Shepherd for his efficient and cheerful services as scorer.

E. J. H.

## RESULTS

- vs. Benoni. Lost. Benoni 143. School 125.  
 vs. Boksburg. Drawn. Boksburg 112. School 80 for 5 wickets.  
 vs. Springs. Won. School 73 and 79 for 2. Springs 34 and 46 for 4.  
 vs. Highlands North. Lost. School 59 and 34 for 8. H. N. 90 for 3 wickets.  
 vs. Marist Brothers (Observatory). Lost. School 79. Marist 152.  
 vs. K.E.S. Drawn. K.E.S. 27 for 2 wickets rain stopped play.  
 vs. Athlone. Won. School 217 for 6. Athlone 76 and 71 for 6 wickets.  
 vs. Brakpan. Won. Brakpan 126. School 127 for 4.  
 vs. Forest High. Lost. School 43 and 71. Forest 82 and 34 for 8 wickets.  
 vs. Krugersdorp. Drawn. Krugersdorp 73. School 56 for 7.  
 vs. Marist Brothers (Inanda). Won. Marist 47 and 53. School 14 and 93 for 8 wickets.

## AVERAGES

### Batting

	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Total	Averages
Kessel	13	2	49*	232	21
Baird	10	4	40*	97	16
Clarke	14	0	48	190	14
Babb	10	1	42	98	10.9

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Averages
Broekhuizen	110	25	46	265	5.8
Baird	49	11	17	155	9.1
Waugh	12	26	39	321	8.4

### Critique (Without Malice)

- M. Kessel (Mike) Captain — A reliable bat. Can bowl higher and slower than anyone else in the team.  
 E. van der Merwe (Van). Steady opening bat—must learn to hit the ball harder and catch only cricket balls!  
 C. Clarke (Dennis). Aggressive batsman—surprisingly graceful ballet dancer.  
 C. Babb (Charlie) Wicket keeper. Still has his baby fat, but should be a tower of strength in the near future.  
 J. Waugh (John) Good all-rounder — interested in bookkeeping.  
 K. Allan — (Keith). Rather mechanical style. A good field and well-known for his cheery countenance — a beacon of joy to all.  
 J. Baird (Jock) Vice-Captain — good all-rounder — has surprised us with his batting on occasions.  
 C. Sayers (Colin) Somewhat erratic fast bowler—he believes that his run-up is an integral part of his athletic training.  
 M. Broekhuizen (Mike). Good medium paced bowler. A batsman in the Cuan McCarthy style.  
 C. Bates (Chris). Has a style of his own but scores runs.  
 D. Matthys (Matt). Useful bowler—also still busy growing.  
 B. Botes (Billy). Useful all-rounder. Supports the theory that the ball should hit the bat and not the bat the ball

## CADET OFFICERS, 1953.



FRONT ROW: 2 Lt. B. Meyers, Lt. A. L. Southall, Capt. P. A. Vos, Comdt H. C. Robinson, M.B.E., Capt. W. A. D. Phillips, Lt. W. T. Haffern, Lt. R. J. Webb, Lt. E. J. du Plessis  
 SECOND ROW: S.O's K. Allan, E. T. Sprout, D. Clarke, R. Sheppard, J. W. D. Wilson, S.O's A. N. Davidson, G. Andrew, P. Stathoulis, M. Broekhuizen  
 BACK ROW: S.O's J. Baird, J. Waugh, M. Kessel, J. Smit, H. Brand, H. Matus, E. Thomas, W. Rakusin.

## SECOND ELEVEN 1953

This team's results are not at all spectacular, but then results do not always give a true reflection of the game. All the matches have been played keenly and cleanly and have been enjoyed by all, and that after all is one of the main purposes of cricket. There are weaknesses in the team (as in any team) such as calling for runs, running between the wickets and the setting of the field, but these are gradually being cleared up. In the beginning of the year, H. Matus captained the team for most of its matches and this term C. Hunter is being given a chance to captain the team.

Notable among the results, is the fine innings by L. Gordon against Benoni High School the other day, when he scored 61 not out. Glancing through the bowling figures, the main results are:

Bowler	Wickets Taken	Runs
Edwards	14	106
Sayers	7	57
Pieters	14	126
Hunter	12	205
Williams	5	150

The team has played 10 matches of which they have won 2, drawn 3 and lost 5.

I am glad to say that the team members are keen and that the team-spirit is good. All we need now is a little more application of the lessons we learn from each match.

—W. T. H.

## Second Eleven Results

- vs. Benoni—Won by 8 wks.—School 124 for 9. Benoni 38. Bates 33 and 5 for 4.
- vs. Afrikaans Hoër—Lost by 9 wks.—School 35. A.H. 53 for 3.
- vs. Springs—Lost by 28 runs.—School 61. Springs 89. Edwards 6 for 22.
- vs. Marists (Observatory)—Lost by 157 runs.—School 14 Marists 171 for 6.
- vs. Krugersdorp—Won by 2 wks.—School 38 for 8. Krugersdorp 36. Pieters 5 for 6.
- vs. Forest—Drawn.—School 72 for 7. Forest 73 for 8.
- vs. Athlone—Lost by 47 runs.—School 30. Athlone 77. Edwards 4 for 17.

vs. Marists (Inanda)—Lost by 30 runs.—School 91. Marists 121. Hunter 37.

vs. Benoni—Drawn.—School 121 for 3. Benoni 43 for 5. Gordon 61 n.o. Johnstone 21. Pieters 5 for 24.

vs. Springs—Drawn.—School 45 for 2. Springs 186 for 3. Sperber 23 n.o.

## THIRD ELEVEN CRICKET

This team played five matches in the first term, winning two and losing three, of which two were lost by very narrow margins. Johnston and Brand batted well, and the wickets fell mainly to Ross-Kent and Pieters.

The team displayed a very keen school spirit and enjoyed all matches. A number of boys have now been promoted to either the first or second eleven, which proves that keenness and practice do yield good dividends.

—I. F.

## Results

- vs. Goedeheop "A"—Won by 4 wks.—School 68 for 9. Goedeheop "A" 54. Bates 29 n.o.
- vs. Marists (Inanda)—Won by 6 wks.—School 147 for 5. Marists 99. Brand 43, Johnston 41, Pieters 4 for 30.
- vs. Afrikaans Hoër—Lost by 8 runs.—School 36. Afrikaans Hoër 44. Williams 7 for 6.
- vs. Goedeheop "A"—Lost by 4 runs.—School 52. Goedeheop "A" 56. Brand 25 n.o.
- vs. Krugersdorp—Lost by 5 wks.—School 30. Krugersdorp 46 for 5. Ross-Kent 3 for 8.

## UNDER 14

On paper our team does not appear to have played very brilliantly, but we all enjoyed ourselves. We won one, lost three and drew four matches. All our matches were exciting.

Our team spirit was good. The main weakness was our calling for runs which lost us many valuable wickets.

I think I can say that we all gained immeasurably from practices and matches this year. We thank Mr. Dry and Mr. Morrison who were very patient with us.

—L. Banducci.

## Results

- vs. Benoni—Lost by 8 wks.—School 16. Benoni 24. Marnewecke 5 for 8.
- vs. Boksburg—Drawn.—School 41 for 3. Boksburg 123. Banducci 20 n.o.
- vs. Springs—Lost by 8 wks.—School 63. Springs 69 for 2. Banducci 24.
- vs. Marists (Observatory)—Drawn.—School 52 for 7. Marists 114.
- vs. Forest—Drawn.—School 128 for 8. Forest 148. Banducci 66, Marnewecke 5 for 2.
- vs. Athlone—Won by 17 runs.—School 71 for 6. Athlone 54. Sylvester 27.
- vs. Krugersdorp—Lost by 31 runs.—School 47. Krugersdorp 78.
- vs. Marists (Inanda)—Drawn.—School 102 for 4. Marists 151 for 5. Sylvester 37, Strydom 37 n.o.
- vs. Benoni—Lost by 1 wk.—School 85. Benoni 88 for 9. Sylvester 31.
- vs. Springs—Won by 6 wks.—School 123 for 4. Springs 110. Pieters 37, Banducci 31 n.o. and hat trick.

## UNDER 13

In our first few matches we were beaten soundly as we were very inexperienced. But in the latter part of the season we improved tremendously.

For instance, our first match was against Benoni High and we were beaten by an innings and a few runs. Our last match was also against them. We batted first and scored 117 runs. Benoni then batted and were all out for 21 runs: we had avenged our earlier defeat handsomely.

Our first victory had been over Athlone High and we had been overjoyed by this. Good scores were made by King, 45, and Parsons, 43.

On the whole we had quite a good reason and every member of the team enjoyed it. We should like to thank Mr. Meyers for giving up so much of his time for us.

(The following boys gave outstanding performances either in batting or in bowling or in both:- Wolpert, Baird, Parsons, King and Zeiss. The team attained a high standard of fielding by the end of the season.)

Regular players in the team were as follows:- Zeiss, Lithgow, Parsons, King, Jankowitz, Hancock, Wolpert, Ward, Baird, Markus, Connellan, Wade, Scheepers, Fick, Thorp and Stott (Scorer).

## Results

- vs. Benoni—Lost by 8 wickets.
- vs. Afrikaans Hoër—Lost by 12 runs.
- vs. Marists (Observatory)—Lost by 9 wickets.
- vs. Parktown—Lost by 9 wickets.
- vs. Athlone—won by 8 wickets.
- vs. Germiston Afrikaans Hoër—Won by 8 wks.
- vs. Marists (Inanda)—Won by 90 runs.
- vs. Benoni—Won by 96 runs.

## RUGBY

## First XV

The school has had one of its leanest years in rugby. Although we had the material—a good team on paper—we just could not obtain good results. Towards the end of the season, in fact in the very last match against Forest High, we produced the type of rugby we had expected all the year round. Result: 0 - 12.

We started the season by being beaten 25 - 0 by Marists Brothers Inanda. After this depressing defeat we unexpectedly beat Athlone Boys' High 11 - 3—a most encouraging result. Against a strong team like Voortrekker we lost only 11 - 0 and indeed played one of the best matches of the season.

## Results of other matches were:-

- vs. Marist Brothers (Observatory)—Lost 22 - 3.
- vs. Alberton High—Won 9 - 3.
- vs. Highlands North—Lost 9 - 5.

—P. A. V.

## Critique

- D. Stange. A good fielder and kicker but rather slow.
- P. Stathoulis. Fast strong-running wing, provided he goes for the corner instead of stopping halfway.
- R. Vermeulen. Fast and powerful; must tighten up defence.
- J. Baird. A good centre and captain, with an excellent body swerve and a Ryk van Schoor in defence.
- W. Botes. Deceptive break; should learn to part with the ball instead of dying with it.

M. Broekhuizen. A soccer player who in one year of rugby earned his colours as a brainy fly-half with an excellent boot.

G. Milroy. A sturdy scrum-half with a good pass; inclined to be selfish.

E. Thomas. A hard-working, solid type of rucker.

J. Maycock. A good hooker; carries too much weight lately.

T. Davie. Hard worker, especially in the loose.

B. Farquharson. The best line-out forward the school has produced for many a year. My prediction still stands—he will follow in his father's footsteps and play for Transvaal.

J. Smit. The steamroller type of forward.

H. Matus. Improved a good deal towards the end of the season.

R. Vallance. A fine flanker with a good sense of anticipation.

E. Sprout. The roving type of eighth man who gets through a tremendous amount of work during the seventy minutes of play.

Second team players who have on occasion played in the First XV are: A. Levy, J. Pieters, W. Rakusin and M. McConnell. The last-mentioned was an excellent substitute for Sprout at eighth man.

## UNDER 15

## Team:

W. Bester, P. Heynecke, F. Potgieter, G. Roux (Captain), F. Swanepoel, S. Simpson, L. Sandler, F. Smook, S. Kelly, J. van Leeuwen, D. Mattheys, H. Ross-Kent, R. Dunckley, S. Haggerty, L. Gordon.

## Also Played:

H. Caganoff, H. Kinnear, P. Hattingh, A. Cowling, T. Llewellyn, E. Hancock, R. Maherry, B. Quirk, N. Levinson.

The season commenced inauspiciously — a grand total of twenty-seven boys at the first practice. I regret to say that this number was never surpassed and seldom if ever again achieved. Owing to this shortage of "man-power" it is not very surprising to relate that the team met with very little success—in fact failed to win a match.

The team is, however, to be congratulated on playing hard and making their opponents earn their points. A number of games were lost narrowly by only 2 or 3 points.

There were in reality no outstanding players but most showed promise and in the event of harder practices and training they should develop into good players. I feel it is unfair to single out any boy for particular mention.

I would, however, like to congratulate our Captain Gideon Roux who led the team competently, and at all times played in a fashion such as to inspire his team-mates.

## Results

- vs. Marists (Inanda)—Lost 9 - 15.
- vs. Goedeheop—Lost 3 - 9.
- vs. C.B.C. (Boksburg)—Lost 3 - 6.
- vs. Afrikaans Hoër (Germiston)—Lost 0 - 12.
- vs. Alberton—Lost 0 - 20.
- vs. Marists (Observatory)—Lost 0 - 19.
- vs. Athlone—Lost 3 - 6.
- vs. Voortrekker—Lost 3 - 18.
- vs. Highlands North—Lost 8 - 11.
- vs. Forest—Lost 6 - 9.

—E. J. H.

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## UNDER 14

Rugby is a team game, and until we realise that sparkling and brilliant players are not sufficient to make up for lack of team play, our results will be most disappointing. Our back line showed dash but regrettable reluctance to tackle, while the forward play was very often scrappy. There were times, and they occurred frequently, when the standard of play was very high indeed, and the enthusiasm at all times was most encouraging. The game should be played for the fun of playing, and failure to get into a school team should not discourage anyone from trying. Robert Thorpe proved an extremely capable player and a fine captain.

## Team:

R. Thorpe, T. Burne, M. Herr, M. Sylvester, J. Westpfahl, R. Coulson, K. Whiffler, N. le Roux, J. Shein, A. Coetzee, G. Petersen, C. Allan, E. Pieters, K. Davie, P. Godley.

## Also Played:

P. Putter, A. Miller, S. Wallis, V. Higgs, W. Burgess, V. Nathanson, D. Hoy.

## Results

vs. President—Drew 3 - 3.  
vs. Marists (Inanda)—Lost 3 - 17.  
vs. Marists (Observatory)—Lost 0 - 9.  
vs. C.B.C. (Boksburg)—Lost 3 - 14.  
vs. Alberton—Lost 6 - 9.  
vs. Athlone—Drew 0 - 0.  
vs. Kreft—Drew 3 - 3.  
vs. President—Lost 0 - 21.  
vs. Voortrekker—Lost 0 - 20.  
vs. Afrikaans Hoër (Germiston)—Lost 3 - 6.  
vs. Highlands North—Won 3 - 0.

—P. E. C.

## UNDER 13

This group of boys had a good season. If this team is indicative of the rugby that may be expected in the school within the next few years, the game in the school will certainly be on the up grade. The enthusiasm demonstrated throughout the season was magnificent. It must be said, however, that there were disappointing moments. These boys still have a tremendous amount to learn, particularly in the mastery of forward play.

The season began with our forwards better than our back-line, but by the end of the season the backline proved a good combination, while the forwards played as individuals rather than

as a pack. Had the forwards learned to combine in defence and attack, the team might have succeeded in becoming unbeatable. Another weakness was the very poor display in the loose scrummaging.

Our defence was at times superb, when boys like Backman tackled for all they were worth. On many occasions these boys played sparkling rugby, delightful to watch. In winning or losing matches our team strove hard to play open rugby. Brian King captained the side well and inspired the rest of his players. King, Wade, Backman and Good were the outstanding players of the season.

The following boys represented the team on most occasions:—Jankowitz, Walters, Potgieter, Good, Gunn, Lithgow, Backman, Markus, King, Samuelson, Wade, Curgenwen, Ward, Botes, Boshoff, Baird, Treptow, Butler, Green, Connelan, Meyer, J. Scheepers & Brown.

## Results

vs. Kreft—Lost 0 - 15.  
vs. Marists (Inanda)—Won 6 - 3.  
vs. Germiston Afrikaans Hoër—Lost 0 - 6.  
vs. Athlone—Lost 0 - 15.  
vs. Marists (Observatory)—Drew 3 - 3.  
vs. Voortrekker—Lost 0 - 14.  
vs. Springs West (Combined Primaries)—Won 13 - 0.  
vs. Kreft—Lost 0 - 3.  
vs. Highlands North—Won 11 - 3.  
vs. Springs—Lost 0 - 18.

—B. M.

## TENNIS

This year's tennis was very average. The season was commenced with great hopes of winning the league but ended with five matches won and four lost. This was very disappointing as the team was most fortunate in having Mr. Hurry to coach them. I feel however that the boys did not use their advantage to the best of their ability.

This year saw for the first time a school tennis championship. P. Jackson is to be congratulated on winning the singles title, and he and L. Evans on winning the doubles title. A very good entry was received for the tournament and because of it two new players were found for the 11nd team.

The second team is to be congratulated on winning six matches out of nine. I should like to thank Mr. C. Wapenaar for managing the team.

## First Team Critique

- P. Jackson: Promising player. Rather stiff style, should learn to relax.  
M. Kessel: Good aggressive player, but erratic.  
C. Babb: A player who did not come up to expectation, but should improve if he tightens up his game.  
S. Fanaroff: Played consistently. Should avoid flicking the ball on the forehand.  
L. Evans: A temperamental player who would improve considerably if he played in a more determined manner.  
D. Baker: A great trier.

## Results

## First Team:

vs. Helpmekaar—Won 68 - 31.  
vs. C.B.C. (Boksburg)—Lost 39 - 42.  
vs. Benoni "B"—Won 59 - 22.  
vs. Benoni "A"—Lost 37 - 44.  
vs. Boksburg—Won 42 - 39.  
vs. Jeppe—Won 96 - 39.  
vs. Benoni—Lost 27 - 54.  
vs. Boksburg—Lost 35 - 46.  
vs. C.B.C. (Boksburg)—Won 42 - 39.

## Second Team:

vs. Afrikaans Hoër—Won 56 - 43.  
vs. Boksburg—Lost 46 - 53.  
vs. Benoni "C"—Lost 27 - 54.  
vs. Voortrekker "A"—Won 42 - 39.  
vs. Voortrekker "B"—won 54 - 27.  
vs. Brakpan—Won 42 - 39.  
vs. Voortrekker "A"—Won 49 - 32.  
vs. Benoni—Won 41 - 40.  
vs. Brakpan—Lost 37 - 44.

—T. C. M.

## Inter-High Tennis

The Ellis Park atmosphere reacted favourably upon our team (C. Babb and S. Fanaroff, L. Evans and P. Jackson) who played indisputably their best tennis of the season. We repeated our success of the previous year by reaching the semi-finals. Defeating en route K.E.S., PRETORIA BOYS' HIGH and PRETORIA AFRIKAANS HIGH—Last year's champions, we in turn were eliminated by the strong ATHLONE team. I should like to thank Derek Baker for his services as an umpire throughout the day.

—E. J. H.

## ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING

As some of our cadets were on duty on Saturday, 12th September,—the day set aside for our Annual Athletic Sports Meeting—it was decided to postpone the meeting till Monday, 14th September. As a result of this, very few parents and visitors could attend.

It was generally felt that the 3rd Term was too crowded to get down to any intensive training. (The houses had only one week for training before the heats were run.) The decision to hold our sports in future during the first term met with general approval.

All the field events had been decided two weeks before Sports day proper. Botha House had built up such a comfortable lead in these events (100 points to the other Houses' 30) that they were never seriously in danger of losing this lead. They won comfortably with 180 points, Churchill was second with 118 points, then came Smuts with 102 points, and Montgomery last with 95 points.

The following new records were created:—High Jump U 13—4 ft. 4½ ins. (N. Davidson); 880 yds. Junior—2 mins. 25.3 secs. (M. Swane-poel); Discus Open—102 ft. (D. Wilson) and 220 yds. U 13—27.0 secs. (N. Davidson).

Two records were equalled.

There was a keen fight for Victor Ludorum. In the end R. Vermeulen (Botha) beat D. Wilson (Botha) by 1 point, while J. Smit (Botha) was a close third.

The combined Invitation and Staff race, which was won by Penny Maycock, proved to be very popular.

We are grateful to the Parents' Committee who served tea. We also wish to thank Mrs. Baker for kindly presenting the floating trophies and cups.

In the Triangular Athletic Match at Springs on the 23rd September, the following boys did well: D. Simpson and E. Sprout, who took first and second places in the mile, R. Vermeulen and D. Baker who took first and third places in both the 100 yds. and 220 yds. (U 16), J. Smit, N. Davidson, M. McConnell, J. Morris, G. Roux and the U 15 relay team who won their race so excitingly.

—E. J. du P.

## Results

1. **High Jump (U. 13)** 1st N. Davidson; 2nd J. Meyer; 3rd S. Weiner. Height, 4ft. 4½ins. (Record).

2. **High Jump (U. 14)** 1st L. Banducci; 2nd E. Pieters; 3rd C. McIntyre. Height, 4ft. 4½ins.

3. **High Jump (U. 15)** 1st H. Ross-Kent; 2nd M. Cox; 3rd G. Roux. Height, 4ft. 8½ins.

4. **High Jump (U. 16)** 1st C. Bates; 2nd G. van Zyl; 3rd D. Liebenberg. Height, 5ft. 2ins.

5. **High Jump (Open)** 1st D. Wilson; 2nd C. Bates; 3rd G. van Zyl. Height 5ft. 4½ins.

6. **Long Jump (U. 13)** 1st N. Davidson; 2nd E. Juby; 3rd Markus. Distance, 13ft. 6½ins.

7. **Long Jump (U. 14)** 1st W. Burgess; 2nd L. Banducci; 3rd S. Strydom. Distance, 13ft. 6½ins.

8. **Long Jump (U. 16)** 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd D. Liebenberg; 3rd G. van Zyl. Distance, 17ft. 7½ins.

9. **Long Jump (Open)** 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd L. Thompson; 3rd J. Smit. Distance, 19ft. 3ins.

10. **Hop, Step and Jump (U. 13)** 1st M. Jankowitz; 2nd N. Davidson; 3rd N. Good. Distance, 30ft. 10ins.

11. **Hop, Step and Jump (U. 14)** 1st L. Banducci; 2nd A. Burgess; 3rd S. Strydom. Distance, 32ft. 6ins.

12. **Hop, Step and Jump (U. 15)** 1st B. Howard; 2nd G. Roux; 3rd A. Simpson. Distance, 32ft. 9ins.

13. **Hop, Step and Jump (U. 16)** 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd B. Wright; 3rd P. Theron. Distance, 37ft. 4ins.

14. **Hop, Step and Jump (Open)** 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd D. Wilson; 3rd K. Allan. Distance, 37ft. 5½ins.

15. **880 Yards (Junior)** 1st M. Swanepoel; 2nd T. Llewellyn; 3rd L. Gordon. Time, 2 min. 25.3 secs. (Record).

16. **880 Yards (Senior)** 1st J. Smit; 2nd D. Booyens; 3rd R. Vermeulen. Time, 2 mins. 21 secs.

17. **Cross Country (Junior)** 1st T. Llewellyn; 2nd J. Wellbach; 3rd M. Swanepoel. Time, 14 mins. 44.3 secs.

18. **Cross Country (Senior)** 1st D. Booyens; 2nd C. Sam; 3rd D. Simpson. Time, 18 mins. 38 secs.

19. **Long Jump (U. 15)** 1st G. Roux; 2nd B. Howard; 3rd H. Ross-Kent. Distance, 15ft. 10½ins.

20. **Discus (Open)** 1st D. Wilson; 2nd R. Vermeulen; 3rd J. Smit. Distance 102ft. (Record).

21. **Shot Putt (Open)** 1st J. Smit; 2nd D. Wilson; 3rd J. Baird. Distance, 40ft. 4½ins.

22. **80 Yards Hurdles (U. 13)** 1st N. Good; 2nd M. Jankowitz; 3rd E. Juby. Time 13.8 secs.

23. **80 Yards Hurdles (U. 14)** 1st L. Banducci; 2nd N. le Roux; 3rd V. Nathanson. Time, 12.5 secs. (Equals Record).

24. **110 Yards Hurdles (U. 15)** 1st G. Roux; 2nd B. Howard; 3rd L. Gordon. Time, 15.9 secs.

25. **110 Yards Hurdles (U. 16)** 1st D. Liebenberg; 2nd C. Sam; 3rd G. van Zyl. Time, 15.9 secs.

26. **110 Yards Hurdles (Open)** 1st D. Wilson; 2nd K. Allan; 3rd W. Rakusin. Time, 15.2 secs.

27. **100 Yards (U. 13)** 1st N. Davidson; 2nd N. Good; 3rd W. Parsons. Time, 12.4 secs. (Equals Record).

28. **100 Yards (U. 14)** 1st L. Banducci; 2nd J. Westpfahl; 3rd W. Burgess. Time, 11.9 secs.

29. **100 Yards (U. 15)** 1st B. Roberts; 2nd L. Gordon; 3rd G. Roux. Time, 11.2 secs.

30. **100 Yards (U. 16)** 1st D. Baker; 2nd D. Liebenberg; 3rd C. Sayers. Time, 11 secs.

31. **100 Yards (Open)** 1st P. Stathoulis; 2nd J. Baird; 3rd C. Sperber. Time, 10.7 secs.

32. **220 Yards (U. 13)** 1st N. Davidson; 2nd N. Good; 3rd M. Jankowitz. Time, 27 secs. (Record).

33. **220 Yards (U. 14)** 1st J. Westpfahl; 2nd L. Banducci; 3rd W. Burgess. Time, 27 secs.

34. **220 Yards (U. 15)** 1st L. Gordon; 2nd G. Roux; 3rd J. Morris. Time, 25.3 secs.

35. **220 Yards (U. 16)** 1st D. Baker; 2nd L. Evans; 3rd C. Sam. Time, 24.9 secs.

36. **220 Yards (Open)** 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd J. Baird; 3rd P. Stathoulis. Time, 23.8 secs.

37. **Junior Mile** 1st A. Landman; 2nd T. Llewellyn; 3rd J. Dicks. Time, 5 mins. 35.5 secs.

38. **Senior Mile** 1st E. Sprout; 2nd J. Smit; 3rd D. Booyens. Time 5 min. 19.5 secs.

39. **House Relay. 440 Yards (U. 13)** 1st Botha; 2nd Smuts; 3rd Montgomery. Time, 58.4 secs.

40. **House Relay. 440 Yards (U. 16)** 1st Churchill; 2nd Montgomery; 3rd Botha. Time, 50 secs.

41. **House Relay. 440 Yards (U. 15)** 1st Montgomery; 2nd Churchill; 3rd Smuts. Time, 52.5 secs.

42. **House Relay. 440 Yards (U. 14)** 1st Churchill; 2nd Smuts; 3rd Botha. Time, 55.8 secs.

43. **440 Yards (Open)** 1st D. Booyens; 2nd R. Vermeulen; 3rd P. Stathoulis. Time, 57 secs.

44. **440 Yards (U. 15)** 1st G. Roux; 2nd L. Gordon; 3rd M. Swanepoel. Time, 58.9 secs.

45. **440 Yards (U. 16)** 1st M. McConnell; 2nd C. Sayers; 3rd L. Evans. Time, 57.8 secs.

46. **Tug-of-War** 1st Botha; 2nd Montgomery; 3rd Smuts.

47. **Staff Race** 1st Miss P. Maycock; 2nd Mr. B. Meyers; 3rd Mr. W. Haffern.

48. **Old Germistonians** 1st G. Anagnostu; 2nd H. Baird; 3rd P. Jacobs. Time, 11.5 secs.

49. **House Relay (One Mile)** 1st Smuts; 2nd Botha; 3rd Churchill. Time, 4 min. 27 secs.

## SCHOOL COLOURS

The following colours have been awarded:-

**Cricket (1952 Season):** R. B. Deakin, A. C. Roberts, M. Kessel, J. Waugh, J. W. Baird.

**Rugby:** J. W. Baird, E. T. Sprout, B. Farquharson, J. Smit, M. G. Broekhuizen, E. Thomas.

**Athletics:** R. Vermeulen, J. Smit, D. P. Simpson, D. Wilson.

**Shooting:** M. Isaacs.

**Cadets:** D. Wilson.

**Cricket (1953 Season):** M. G. Broekhuizen (March, 1953). Further awards to be announced.

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**Prose Prize:** A. N. Davidson.

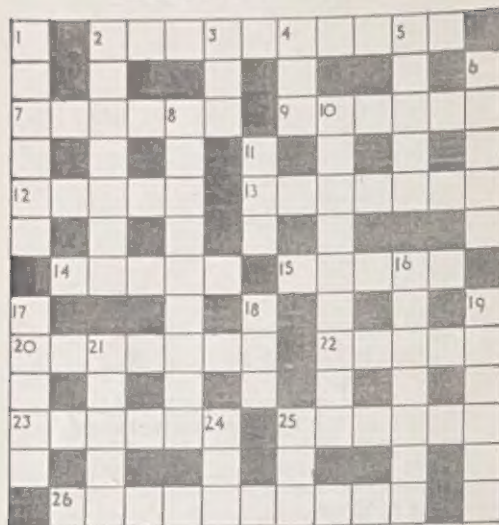
**Poetry Prize:** J. Doig.

## SCHOOL RECORDS -- ATHLETICS

	OPEN	UNDER 16	UNDER 15	UNDER 14	UNDER 13
100 Yards	10.2 secs. G. Loolson, 1924. W. Bam, 1933.	10.4 secs. D. Goosen, 1924	10.9 secs. P. Stathoulis, 1951	11.1 secs. R. Vermeulen, 1951	12.4 secs. R. Vermeulen, 1950 N. Davidson, 1953
220 Yards	23.1 secs. W. Bam, 1938.	24.2 secs. F. Legge, 1920	25.2 secs. R. Vermeulen, 1952	25.4 secs. R. Vermeulen, 1951	27.0 secs. N. Davidson, 1953
440 Yards	54.3 secs. S. Weidemann, 1947	55 secs. R. Diers, 1934	57.8 secs. R. Vermeulen, 1952	63.8 secs. R. Steele, 1925	
880 Yards	2 mins. 9 secs. D. Raath, 1938.	2 mins. 15.6 secs. E. Statham, 1938	2 mins. 25.3 secs. M. Swanepoel, 1953		
One Mile	5 mins. 5.6 secs. K. Webster, 1922	5 mins. 29.4 secs. C. Sam, 1952	5 mins. 29.4 secs. C. V. Stollerfoht, 1950		
High Jump	5ft. 7½ins. G. Lane, 1932.	5ft. 3½ins. E. Joubert, 1934	5ft. 0ins. C. V. Stollerfoht, 1950	5ft. 0ins. H. Cohen, 1934	4ft. 4½ins. N. Davidson, 1953
Long Jump	19ft. 10ins. J. Elysa, 1922	19ft. 9ins. D. Shaw, 1951	17ft. 6ins. J. Gouws, 1950	17ft. 3ins. M. Levine, 1926	14ft. 0ins. K. Roos, 1952
Hop, Step and Jump	38ft. 2 ins. D. Shaw, 1951	39ft. 3ins. J. Gouws, 1951	34ft. 4ins. W. B. Erasmus, 1951	35ft. 1in. R. Vermeulen, 1951	31ft. 1in. K. Roos, 1952
Hurdles, 110 Yards	14.7 secs. J. Gouws, 1952	15.7 secs. J. Gouws, 1951	15.5 secs. J. Gouws, 1950 J. H. Pieters, 1952		
Hurdles, 80 Yards				12.5 secs. G. Roux, 1952 L. Banducci, 1953	12.4 secs. G. Robertson, 1951
Putting the Shot	42ft. 0ins. D. Howse, 1948				
Discus Throw	102ft. 0ins. D. Wilson, 1953				
Cross Country Senior (New course)	18 mins. 12.2 secs. E. Sprout, 1952				
Cross Country Junior (New course)			13 mins. 25.5 secs. D. P. Carrington, 1951		



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 7. Acts for a Monarch.  
 9. Bad handwriting.  
 12. One who takes part in a play.  
 13. Instrument like a bugle.  
 14. Maker of Bread.  
 15. Also made by 14.  
 20. If you say mouth instead of mouse you are "———".

22. Eskimo's house.  
 23. Two of these = 10/-.  
 25. Staked at the Diamond Diggings in olden times.  
 26. "———, my dear Watson."

## DOWN

1. Subject taught at some schools.  
 2. One was held on the Zambesi during the Rhodes Centenary Exhibition.  
 3. Girl's name in short.  
 4. Donkey.  
 5. Hobo.  
 6. You write on a —— with a —— pencil.  
 8. He comes from Scandinavia.  
 10. School house.  
 11. Past tense of eat.  
 16. Make invalid.  
 17. Type of kick in rugby.  
 18. The stone —— was in prehistoric times.  
 19. The fin on a shark's back.  
 21. You buy this for your camera.  
 24. You do this with your eyes.

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